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Bosnian Muslims Repair Their Homes Looted and Destroyed by Serbs in Jusici Near Tuzla Sept. 22. Serbs Killed 120 Muslims in Jusici in 1992

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UNSC Needs Fundamental, Substantive Reform, Modification

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TEHRAN - Foreign Minister Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati said yesterday that a tendency of domination has debilitated the United Nations Security Council, which has repeatedly fallen prey to the interests of a permanent member.

"The Council, for example, not only failed to prevent the Israeli attacks against defenseless Lebanese women and children in a United Nations compound, but also turned a blind eye to the reports substantiating the deliberate nature of the atrocity, thus putting aside its humanitarian and Charter responsibilities in the interest of the political considerations of supporters of Israel," said Velayati in remarks before the 51st session of the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

"Relying on such unconditional support, the Zionist regime continues with impunity its expansionist policies of occupation of Palestine, Southern Lebanon

and Syrian Golan coupled with its routine practice of state terrorism and blatant violation of the most fundamental rights of the Muslim people of Palestine.

"Israel has no regard for rules of international law, nor does it have any commitment to peace; its only objective being the consolidation and expansion of its occupation of the territories of others. Considering these realities, the only logical conclusion is that peace in the Middle East requires a just and comprehensive resolution of the question of Palestine through the return of all Palestinian refugees to their homeland, the exercise of their inalienable right to self-determination, and the liberation of all occupied territories.

"It is noteworthy that the mere expression of such realistic analyses by a sovereign State is misportrayed as opposition to peace, and provides the pretext for concern and anger and even for illegal po-

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GHARI KHUDA BUX, PAKISTAN: Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto (L) prays while her mother Nusrat Bhutto (C) wipes away her tears at the grave of Benazir's brother, Murtaza Bhutto in Ghari Khuda Bux, Sept. 22.

(AFP Photo)

Benazir Says Brother's Shooting Planned

KARACHI, PAKISTAN (AFP) - Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said her estranged brother Murtaza's killing by police was "planned and motivated", and he was not just caught in crossfire, as another Murtaza supporter was wounded by police yesterday.

The prime minister made the allegations, which contradict the

police version, after reviewing a preliminary investigation into Friday's shooting, two of Karachi's leading newspapers reported yesterday.

She also said his death was "a conspiracy to plunge the entire nation into a crisis" but she declined to say who she believed was

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Barzani Refuses to Fight PKK

ANKARA, TURKEY (AFP) - Massud Barzani, leader of the Baghdad-allied Iraqi Kurds, has turned down a request by Turkey to fight separatist Turkish Kurds based in Northern Iraq, a newspaper reported yesterday.

"The Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) is Turkey's problem, and we cannot solve this problem on behalf of Turkey," Barzani told

the left-wing Istanbul newspaper Cumhuriyet.

"Accordingly we have not asked for arms from Ankara for use against the PKK," Barzani said in the headquarters of his Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) in Salahedin in Northern Iraq.

Barzani had talks on Iraq with

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Egypt Warns Israel About Warlike Statements

CAIRO, EGYPT (AFP) - Egypt warned yesterday that Israel's "warlike" statements to Syria could provoke a similar reaction in the Arab world and torpedo the Middle East peace process.

"The war drums being beaten by Israeli leaders and their threats to use the military option are of a nature that they could dash all peaceful efforts and without doubt provoke similar reaction," Assistant Egyptian Foreign Minister Fathi al-Shazli said.

He was responding to state-

ments by Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai on Sunday warning Syria against the temptation of using military pressure to force Israel back to the negotiating table on its terms.

"I issue this warning to Syrian President Hafez al-Assad: 'Remember that Israel is strong and its army is ready to carry out whatever tasks it must.' Mordechai told the Israeli newspaper Yediot Aharonot in reaction to recent Syrian troop redeployments in Lebanon."

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We welcome the blessed presence of Ayatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani, the leader of construction and President of the Islamic Republic, to the realm of golden grapes.



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EDITORIAL

Bells of Horror Ringing Again in Moscow

Renewed uncertainty over the timing and risks of President Boris Yeltsin's heart bypass operation has left Russia in limbo while the world, particularly the region, clearly hears bells of horror from Moscow.

Russia's stockpile of deadly nuclear weapons, and the fact that nuclear "button" remains in the hands of the Kremlin chief are the causes of serious concern among the regional countries. It is believed that Russia's nuclear weapons are capable of destroying the entire world.

Uncertainty over the health of Yeltsin had been looming over the Russian political scene even before his second-term presidential election in July. But the situation in Russia became more alarming after Yeltsin's surgeon, Renat Achkurin, announced yesterday that his patient might not be healthy enough to undergo the bypass and also revealed that the president, who had two heart attacks last year, suffered yet another attack just before his July 3 re-election victory.

The deteriorating physical state of Yeltsin intensified the power struggle and rivals such as Communist Leader Gennady Zyuganov, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and Security Chief Alexander Lebed are now fixing their eyes on the Kremlin.

In principle, leaders come and go and one should not interfere in other people's affairs by suggesting who they should elect as their leader. The issue of who will be the next Kremlin leader is entirely the business of the Russian people.

But unfortunately the situation is not as simple as the principle of non-interference in other countries' affairs.

Change of leadership in Russia, in the last hundred years, has been followed by bloody purges of opponents, a factor which is responsible for global skepticism regarding calm and orderly transfer of power in that country.

True, Russia did get rid of the dictatorial system of communism, but we should not lose sight of the fact that democracy takes its own time. After seven decades of a dictatorial regime, one should not expect full-fledged democracy in Russia overnight.

Leaders such as Zyuganov, with their nostalgia-soaked vision of a secure former superpower, could create a worsening law and order situation in that country.

Russia's former Defense Minister Pavel Grachev and tough talking Gen. Lebed could easily add fuel of uncertainty to the burning issue of the future of Kremlin's leader. This uncertainty, together with fears regarding the safety and security of nuclear weapons in Russia, constitute a major global concern.

The bells of horror are being heard again, and ironically, there is no standard response except to keep our fingers crossed.

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Rafsanjani Sends Messages to Fahd, Assad

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK
TEHRAN - President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani yesterday cabled a message to King Fahd congratulating him, his government and the Muslim nation of Saudi Arabia on the occasion of the Saudi National Day.

The President in his message expressed hope that the friendly ties between Iran and Saudi Arabia would further expand with the joint efforts of the two countries and that Islamic, regional and international cooperation between Tehran and Riyadh would continue.

Meanwhile, Iranian Ambassador to Damascus Hojjatoleslam Mohammad Hassan Akhbari on Sunday handed over a message



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from President Rafsanjani to President Hafez al-Assad.

According to IRNA, the message deals with the latest develop-

ments in the region, the situation in Northern Iraq and mutual relations.

In the meeting, the Syrian

president condemned the conspiracies of the Zionist regime and the U.S. to control the resources of the region and Islamic states.

Velayati Meets Japanese Counterpart

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK
TEHRAN - Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati met his Japanese counterpart Yukihiko Ikeda at the United Nations on Sunday to review promotion of Tehran-Tokyo ties as well as regional and international cooperation.

The meeting was held on the sidelines of the 51st Session of the U.N. General Assembly.

They discussed strengthening of mutual cooperation at international bodies.

During his ten-day stay, Velayati is to meet a number of senior officials including the U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, the Chairman of the U.N.

General Assembly Esmail Razzali as well as officials from Islamic states and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

He will also attend special meetings of foreign ministers of NAM member states, the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), due to be held on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly meeting.

The foreign minister is also due to sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) on behalf of Iran today. He is heading a high ranking delegation and arrived Sunday evening, IRNA reported.

Turkish Delegation to Investigate Attack on Iranian Border Region

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK
TEHRAN - A delegation from Turkey is expected in Iran soon for final probe into a Turkish helicopter attack on Iran's border region in June, the Interior Ministry director general for security affairs announced here Sunday.

According to Amir Hussein Motahar, the decision was made at the 13th session of the Tehran-Ankara joint security committee held in Ankara.

The official added that Turkey has yet to take responsibility for

the June attack by its helicopters on the Silvana border region in West Azarbaijan which left six women and children dead and 19 others wounded.

He said that all documents concerning the attack have been submitted to the Turkish Interior Minister, Mehmet Agar and he has promised to open an inquiry into the case, IRNA reported.

The Turkish interior minister is to visit Iran following the travel of the Turkish fact finding team to Iran, he said.

Havanirooz Sets New Records

Havanirooz operations during the war outpaced prevalent military standards across the world, he noted adding, "We transformed the theories of using helicopters during the war and we set new records."

"As an instance, night-time helicopter flights were difficult tasks carried out by our pilots. In 1362, during the Val-Fajr 8 and Khaybar Operations, we had to resort to this technique for which our personnel had no previous training," he elaborated.

Tafreshi said, "After the Revolution, when the American advisers left the country, they were under the impression that we could no longer use our helicopters."

"But after they left the country, we succeeded in making full use of our domestic facilities. At the time, we had 20 percent of the technical know-how needed for

using and maintaining helicopters," he stressed.

"But through ardent efforts, we succeeded in mastering this specialty," Tafreshi pointed out.

"Our 214 helicopters were constantly rendering services and providing air cover to the Ground Forces during the war. In fact, the helicopters played an undeniable role in the war," the deputy commander said.

"Right now, we have 100 technical specialized fields at the Havanirooz and we do not rely on any foreign country for repairs and maintenance of our helicopters," he noted.

Director of the Self-Sufficiency Jihad of Havanirooz Colonel Hussein Thamen also spoke to IRAN NEWS here yesterday.

Thamen said, "We have done much to keep our helicopters combat ready. Since the start of the war until the present day, our heli-



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icopters have never been out of service."

"Among activities in our department, I can refer to construction of a Chinook simulator made out of the two war-damaged Chinooks. The former training helicopters were also made ready for operation," he said.

"Our department has been awarded the Certificate of Merit for this simulator which has enabled us to save \$25 million," Thamen added.

"We did the same with a damaged Cobra helicopter turning it into a Cobra simulator which also

Foreign Minister Threatens Court Action Against Germany

FRANKFURT, GERMANY (AP) - Iran may take Germany to court - for allegedly helping Iraq develop chemical weapons in the 1980s - if a Berlin judge convicts the Tehran government of complicity in the 1992 murder of four Kurdish opposition figures, Iran's foreign minister warned in a newspaper interview.

In yesterday's Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said both

countries should "act smart" to avoid "endless conflicts" from the trial.

An Iranian and four Lebanese men are being tried on charges of gunning down Sadiq Sharafkandi, an Iranian Kurdish leader, and three aides in the Mykooos Restaurant in Berlin on Sept. 17, 1992.

Former Iranian President Abolhassan Banisadr, who has lived in exile in France since being overthrown 15 years ago, testified

last month that Iran's spiritual Leader had signed the order to assassinate Sharafkandi.

Chief federal prosecutor Bruno Jost said Banisadr's testimony could lead to an investigation of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as well as President Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Tehran has consistently denied any role in the killings of dozens of Iranian opposition activists.

Velayati said Iran would not consider breaking diplomatic relations with Germany if it is dis-

pleased by the verdict.

But he said if the Berlin judge convicts Tehrao, then Iranian courts could rule on acts of the German government. For example, he said, Iran could seek damages from Germany for the victims of Iraqi poison gas during the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s.

"Germany helped Baghdad develop chemical weapons," Velayati said. "Thousands of Iranians are still suffering the consequences."

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Over 1,000 Sick Kurdish Refugees Treated in Iran

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK
TEHRAN - Deputy head of the provincial Red Crescent Organization said in Sanandaj Sunday that some 1,300 sick or wounded Iraqi Kurdish refugees have been treated at Siran Band and Bashmaq refugee camps near Baneh and Marivan cities.

According to Fereidun Safar-Ali, medical teams from the organization, backed by 15 ambulances are still busy treating the injured and sick refugees. Meanwhile, 282 of the injured and ill Kurdish refugees were taken to hospitals in cities of Sanandaj, Saqez and Baneh, he added.

According to the latest figures, the official said, a total of 35,000 refugees have already been settled in Siran Band refugee camp. In another development, two Belgian doctors of the group "Doctors Without Frontiers" (Medecines Sans Frontieres) visited on Saturday the Kurdish refugees camp of Tapeh-Rash in Sar-e Pol-e Zahab region in western Iran.



PENJWIN, IRAQ: Kurds of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) go back home at the Iran-Iraq border in Bachmat Sept. 22. Kurds of the PUK fled Iraq in August after Barzani's KDP ousted Talebani, head of the PUK from Arbil, the key town in Iraqi Kurdistan, with help of Baghdad. Baghdad promised not to take reprisals against them.

According to the Governor of Sar-e Pol-e Zahab, Hussein Khosh Egbal, the two doctors have expressed satisfaction over the medical treatment offered to refugees and promised to do their best to

provide them with medicine and medical assistance.

The governor added that despite the recent visits paid by the experts and representatives of UNHCR in Tehran, World Food Organization and non-governmental charity organizations of Germany, no foreign assistance have been so far dispatched for the refugees accommodated in this camp.

Governor of Marivan, Ali Yari said Sunday that Iraqi children residing at refugee camps on Iranian border regions are the main victims of the indifference of international forums towards refugees.

He said with regards to harsh cold weather in the mountainous areas, the world may witness deaths of Kurdish refugees if the status quo persists.

He said despite delivery of medical services to the refugees, the danger of spread of epidemics in the refugee camps is looming due to lack of attention to health care principles on the part of the refugees.

LET'S MEMORIZE THE QURAN

SURA 62, FRIDAY (AL-JUM'U'A)

In the Name of God

The Beneficent, the Merciful

11. Yet when they see some merchandise or games, They break up ranks for that, and leave you standing. Say: What's with God is better than some games, Or merchandise; for God is Most-Providing.

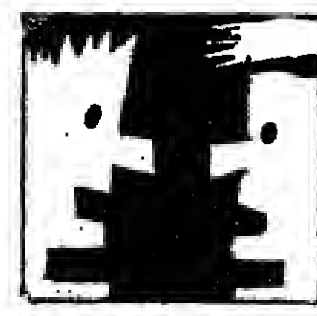
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Evening (Maghreb)	18:18
Tomorrow's Dawn (Fajr)	04:22
Tomorrow's Sunrise	05:54

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Some Prophecies!

'Sir, do you mean to keep silent on this, next, presidential elections business many have been gossiping about for months?'

'First of all, it's an important executive position, not a business, secondly I told you, in another tête-a-tête conversation, about a year ago, that the Constitution of the country had to be respected.'

'Yes, you're right, and oow, being so good at making prophecies, could you tell me what Mr. Rafsanjani's job will be, after the current presidential term runs out?'

'First of all, flattery gets you nowhere, secondly, I'm not telling you; because past experience shows that whatever I confide in you in the course of a tête-a-tête conversation, somehow finds its way, the following day, in an English daily called Iran News!'

'You mean you aren't going to even give me a clue?'

'I can only tell you that it's the man, not the job, that matters; any job handled by a wise, able man, shall automatically become most important.'

'Oh, that's not saying much, for God's sake, don't be so miserly with your golden words of wisdom, how about a prediction about his next position?'

'The next position, Constitutionally speaking, shall not carry less weight than his current one.'

'Can't you say a bit more?'

'I've already told you more than enough!'

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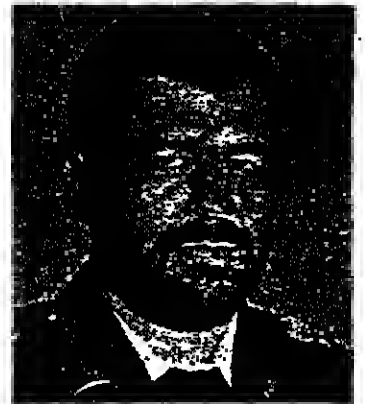
Iran Has the Technology to Build All Types of Airplanes

IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK
TEHRAN - Iran has the technology to build passenger, cargo and fighter airplanes, according to General Habib Baqaei, commander of the Islamic Republic Air Force (IRAF).

The General was speaking to the press yesterday on the occasion of Sacred Defense Week. Baqaei said the imposed war was a good experience for the nation, an opportunity to accumulate all the expertise needed to build airplanes.

'The IRAF has taken many steps to become self-sufficient in the design and fabrication of a training aircraft which incorporates all the requirements of a successful international airplane,' he said. This training aircraft will be flown at the next 10-Day Dawn

celebrations for the first time, he added.



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He said that as Iran has acquired the technology to build airplanes, the next step is the design and fabrication of fighter planes - an easy task for the Air Force. 'Another important achieve-

ment by the Air Force was the conversion of the MiG-29 airplane into a fuel supplier,' said Baqaei. The IRAF had always tried to procure its needs from domestic sources, he added.

General Baqaei said the IRAF is currently designing and updating cabin control systems at a cost of between \$1-2 billion per craft, work for which foreign firms demand between \$6-10 billion.

The control command system, which is used to control radar, is also designed and built by the IRAF, and Iran is now in a position to sell them to friendly countries, should the government permit, he said. The IRAF can also properly train manpower for aircraft maintenance.

'If all of the IRAF's plans materialize, the power of the Air

Force will be maximized,' Baqaei said.

The IRAF oow produces power bulbs used in communication and anti-aircraft operations, instead of importing them, he said. It is also very active in the laser industry, and after the necessary testing it has built a laser-controlled bomb of high precision which it can oow produce in mass.

Baqaei said the Air Force has taken steps to manufacture fighter planes and radars that can cover between 150-200 km with the assistance of the Isfahan University to Technology.

The Isfahan Air Base has built a simulator which can conduct 30 See Page 13

Thick Smog Blankets Tehran

IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK
TEHRAN - Several flights were canceled Sunday due to poor visibility whilst radio stations urged people to stay indoors as thick smog shrouded Tehran, which has a population of 10 million people.

Mothers were urged to keep infants indoors, the sick and elderly warned not to step outside due to the thick smog.

Many people in the capital complained of eye irritation, some saying they had difficulty breathing.

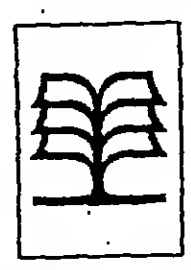
Tehran's Meteorological Center said that a cold front moving from the north had collided with hot air coming from the west, forcing down the smog that normally hangs over the polluted capital.

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Kuwaiti Begins Tour to Defend Hosting of U.S. Troops

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - A Kuwaiti envoy left yesterday for Iran on the first leg of a Middle East tour to explain why his country welcomed U.S. troops during a confrontation with Iraq.

Transportation Minister Jasssem al-Aoun told the official KUNA news agency he was carrying a message from the Emir, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabab, about measures taken to ensure Kuwait's "security against recent Iraqi threats."

He said he was certain "Arab and Islamic countries would understand Kuwait's stand, and they would therefore support its measures to preserve security in the region and deter Iraq which is trying to threaten Kuwait."

Kuwait, the only Arab country to have supported the U.S. missile strikes against Iraq on September

3-4, received 3,000 U.S. troop reinforcements in addition to 1,200 training here since August.

The U.S. Strikes were in retaliation for Iraq's incursion into a northern Kurdish safe haven on August 31.

The United States also sent eight F-117 Stealth bombers and 18 F-16 fighter bombers to Kuwait and deployed a battery of patriot anti-missile missiles.

Iraq denounced Kuwait's decision to accept the warplanes as a declaration of war but later said it was not threatening the emirate it occupied for seven months before U.S.-led forces expelled it in February 1991.

After Iran, Aoun will visit Turkey, Lebanon and Libya, KUNA said. Kuwaiti envoys made similar visits to other Arab countries last week as well as to Russia.

President Inaugurates Gas Pipe Construction in Zanzan

ZANJAN (IRNA) - Construction operation of a gas pipeline to the cities of Hiday and Saenqala was launched here on Sunday in the presence of President Akbar Hasbemi Rafsanjani.

Deputy Oil Minister Mohammad-Nejad said here on Sunday during the inauguration ceremony that once the project comes on stream, the number of cities benefiting from gas would reach 265.

Mohammad-Nejad said that other projects were underway to supply 39 other cities with gas, out of which 15 are to be operational by the year end (March 20, 1997). He added that 22 power plants in Iran were consuming 40 million cubic meters of gas a day.

He put total amount of gas consumption in Iran during last year at over 36 billion cubic meters and predicted that the figure would stand at 40 billion by the year end.

The Iranian official said that number of cities supplied with gas was merely five before triumph of the 1979 Islamic Revolution with gas consumption standing at three billion cubic meters annually.

He noted that the number of cities supplied with gas is expected to reach 300 by the Second Five Year Development Plan (1995-1999).

Number of the cities in Zanzan Province which are benefiting from gas has increased to five from former three.

Projects are also underway to supply three other provincial cities with gas by next year (March 21, 1997-March 20, 1998) at a credit



PHOTO BY ABIN

of 32 billion rials.

President Inaugurates Industrial Complex in Ahhar

President Rafsanjani also inaugurated an industrial complex that includes a cable-wire manufacturing plant, construction materials plants, machine building and food processing factories in Ahhar.

The complex, named Nourin, is built by private investors and creates 436 jobs for local people.

Hojatolislam Rafsanjani commended the idea of the project and said the industrial complex would, on its own scale, contribute to national self-sufficiency.

He said the value added of the products of food processing indus-

tries would also be a great aid to farmers and producers of other raw materials in the interest of national agriculture and industries.

Iranian President expressed hope that the current enthusiasm on the part of the private sector in the production and manufacturing area would lead to a new chapter in national economy.

Iran Attends Agricultural Drainage, Irrigation Conference in Cairo

TEHRAN (IRNA) - A group of Iranian agricultural and irrigation engineers who were in Cairo for the Sixteenth International Conference on Irrigation and Agricultural Drainage and the 48th International Assembly of Its Executive Council September 15-21 returned to Tehran Sunday.

They included faculty members of the Iranian universities in Urmia and Shiraz, as well as experts from the Iranian Ministry of Energy, and Plan and Budget Organization.

In the elections in Cairo for three assistant secretaries general of the executive council, representatives from the Netherlands, Iran, Italy and Germany got the highest number of votes, with Dr Javad Farhudi from Iran having been elected as one of them.

Dr Farhudi has also been elected as chairman of the Asian Water Crisis Committee for seven years. The committee is to study water crisis in Asia and offer solutions for adoption after the year 2,000. The Asian Water Crisis Committee is to have its first assembly in Tehran with members from Iran, Syria, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan.

The committee is to select more members from Asian countries later on.

Ministry of Housing to Islamize Building Designs

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - Based on a decree from the Supreme Leader of the Revolution which emphasized the need to follow Islamic values in town planning and architecture, a plan has been formulated between the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and the Iranian High Council for Town Building.

In a meeting yesterday, the two bodies approved town planning measures for implementation which included: the continued study of Islamic towns and architecture of both past and present; and the study of town building criteria for the current year and architectural criteria based on progressive Islamic standards and

values.

Following the ratification of these two rules by the High Council of Town Building, they will be binding for all engineering consultants and licensed building engineers, both in the preparation of comprehensive plans for town buildings, and in the design of residential, service and commercial buildings.

Also decided in the meeting was the significance of the mosque in an Islamic town which therefore needed proper placement. This placement in towns, regions and districts was deemed mandatory and must be included in all comprehensive and detailed plans for Iranian communities.

Heads of Caspian Sea States Chambers of Commerce Meet in Astrakhan

MOSCOW, RUSSIA (IRNA) - Participants in a gathering of the Caspian Sea littoral states' chambers of commerce signed a protocol in Astrakhan, Russia, on Sunday, to determine the framework of their cooperation.

They also explored ways of expanding cooperation among the chambers of commerce and paving the way to enhance activities of traders.

Head of Iran's Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Mines Ali Naqi Khamoushi said that ex-

panding the activities of regional traders would serve to consolidate ties among regional states.

In a separate meeting, the head of Astrakhan's chamber of commerce and Khamoushi exchanged views on ways of promoting cooperation between Astrakhan and Iranian provinces bordering the Caspian Sea.

Iran has set up a cargo shipping line between Bandar Anzali and Astrakhan and has invested in the new Port of Olia oo, the River Volga.

IDRO Claims Huge Exports

IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

TEHRAN - Companies affiliated to the Industrial Development and Renovation Organization (IDRO) have exported goods worth \$76 million in the last Iranian year in addition to supplying a large domestic demand.

Saeed Leylaz, director of IDRO public relations, spoke to the press at the Twenty Second International Trade Fair in Tehran. He said these affiliated companies have sold more than 5.3 trillion rials in equipment to the domestic market.

"By occupying 15 thousand sq. m of space in the Twenty Second International Trade Fair in Tehran, IDRO is the largest participant in the fair, and its 60 companies will display their latest achievements in production and industry in the fields of vehicle, machine and equipment manufacturing to the public," Leylaz said.

He said that IDRO's large-scale participation was intended to upgrade domestically manufactured equipment and to boost industrial equipment and consolidate design, engineering and assembly firms.

The IDRO official said an outstanding industries on display at the fair was the latest gas-fired engines manufactured by Saipa. He also mentioned a model of aircraft manufactured by Iran Aircraft Industries, and a model of an oil drilling platform fabricated by Sadra Company.

"Quality improvement is the main objective of companies covered by Industrial Development

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PART III

The Second Five Year Development Plan

The Second Five Year Plan (hereinafter called the 'Second Plan') was drawn up specifically with the achievement and failures of the First Plan in mind. The Second Plan projects that for the period of March 1994 to March 1999, development and administrative expenditures will total \$135.5 billion, nearly nine times higher than the expenditures accommodated by the First Five Year Plan. The Second Plan is based on projected oil revenues of \$88.5 billion and tax revenues of \$40.4 billion.

Priorities of the Second Plan include completion of infrastructure and development projects initiated under the First Plan including the allocation of some \$59 billion to development projects, 11.4 times higher than revenues allocated to the same sector under the First Plan. The allocation of over \$76.4 billion towards social, administrative and other expenditures represents an increase of over 580 percent.

The significance accorded to development projects in the Second Plan indicates a focus towards the need to attain self-sufficiency of industrial and human resources. This concept finds its roots in Iran's Constitution as alluded in Chapter One. The Second Plan also appears somewhat conservative on revenue estimates in light of the First Plan's inability to attain projected revenues as a result of the slump in oil prices during the First Plan. This more conservative approach is expected to strike a better balance between revenues for the 1994-1999 Plan period where a reduction in budgetary deficits of some 82.6 percent lower than the First Plan is envisaged.

It is believed that during the period of the Second Year Plan, ongoing and newly commissioned projects that were initiated during the First Plan will have matured to the point so as to start contributing to the national income, further increasing the flow of revenue. This projection can be best exemplified by the fact that key investments under the First Plan have led to increased oil production, refineries, petrochemical, communication systems, railroads, sea and air networks and heavy industry have already begun to contribute to the national income. These achievements can be exemplified in such sectors as the steel and petrochemicals sector as evidenced by the end of imports of these products and the export of surplus output.

Foreign Trade: Based on the estimates made in the Second Plan, the foreign exchange earned from oil is estimated to be \$72,658 million and the earnings from the export of non-oil products is expected to amount to \$27,527 million. As such a sum of \$91,979 million has been set aside specifically for import during the Second Five Year Plan reflecting a yearly increase of 4.3 percent per year.

Oil/Non-Oil Exports: Oil Exports: During the Second Plan, the average annual export of oil is expected to grow by 3.4 percent and that of non-oil products by 8.4 percent.

Population: Iran's population is expected to stand at 68,900,000 persons by 1999. Taking into account the figures mentioned for capital investments combined with national production during the Second Plan, the number of newly created jobs in 1999 will stand at 1,632,000. Through the years 1995 to 1999 a total of 2,019,000 new jobs are expected to offer new employment opportunities.

Money & Credit: The net foreign assets and net assets of the Central Bank of Iran (CBI) during the Second Plan are to remain unchanged. Considering an expected net debt of 3.8 percent to the CBI and a net debt of 18.1 by Government to the CBI and a growth of 33.6 percent in bank loans to the CBI, liquidity is expected to increase by 12.5 percent. Taking into account the growth in GNP and liquidity, the average annual rise in prices is expected to stand at 12.4 percent.

Promotion of Export Facilities: Under the Second Plan, the Export Guarantee Fund and the Export Development Bank are to be strengthened and backed by a comprehensive export insurance system.

The Environment: In light of global efforts at protecting the environment, the Second Plan attaches special importance to environmental protection, primarily to deal with air and soil pollution.

Maternal Education and Training: The Second Plan is somewhat unique in that it pays special attention to the important role that Mothers are to play in the shaping of society and its human resources. Education and the complete eradication of illiteracy among Mothers is listed as a

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TEHRAN - The Saudi Ambassador Abdullah al-Maimanee (L) hosted a reception on the occasion of the Saudi National Day here last night. Deputy Foreign Minister Hussein Sheikholeslam (R) attended the ceremony. PHOTO BY AP/WIDE WORLD

A seventh man killed was identified as a taxi driver. Benazir Bhutto, who was to return to work yesterday after three days of mourning for her estranged brother, said she ordered a full investigation into the killing.

Supporters of her brother, however, who are opposed to the Bhutto government, claimed the killing was the result of "state terrorism."

Murtaza died after being shot by police here late Friday along with six of his supporters and was buried in the Bhutto ancestral home town of Larkana on Saturday. Police censored his bodyguards started the shootout and that Murtaza Bhutto was killed in crossfire.

Some supporters who came to Murtaza Bhutto's house in Larkana yesterday were coughing and choking and said they had been tear gassed by police.

Another man, 19-year-old Ghaffar Chandio, had been shot through the left thigh. He told AFP that police stationed at the nearby commissioner house had opened fire on a group of 200 to 300 men coming to the house.

"I saw one of my colleagues fall into the nearby canal. At least two or three more were injured," Chandio said. There was no immediate confirmation of these injuries and police declined to comment.

Meanwhile, in Multan, men armed with assault rifles sprayed bullets around a packed mosque during dawn prayers here yesterday, killing 19 people and wounding 50 others in what police described as a vendetta between Shia Muslim militants.

were wearing bullet-proof jackets and were taking cover behind trees. The committee contended this was an admission that "the whole exercise was pre-planned with the intention to eliminate Mir Murtaza Bhutto."

"It was an ambush", said Rao Rasheed, who presided over the committee meeting.

The shootout occurred a day after Murtaza was charged with assaulting policemen and ransacking two police stations after one of his key supporters was arrested. Police had intended to issue a formal warrant when the shootout occurred.

The Undersecretary at the Foreign Ministry, Adel al-Saifi, recommended the previous day that Netanyahu see a "psychiatrist."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as neurotic and afraid of peace with the Arabs.

The government daily Al-Akhar said yesterday that most Egyptians, despite their 1979 peace treaty with Israel, would want a break in ties or even a war because of the "provocative" statements made by Netanyahu.

"If we had polling institutes the majority of Egyptians would not doubt have called for a break in ties with Israel, the expulsion of the Israeli ambassador or beat the drums for a new Egyptian-Israeli war," said Al-Akhar columnist Ibrahim Seeda, who has close links with President Hosni Mubarak.

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Hizbollah Hits Israeli-Allied Militia Post

MARJAYOUN, LEBANON - Hizbollah guerrillas attacked a position of the pro-Israeli South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia in an occupied border zone yesterday, security sources said.

Eight mortar shells landed near the militia post in the Tumat-Niha region, at the edge of Israel's self-declared "security zone" in South Lebanon, the sources said. There were no reports of casualties.

Turkish and U.S. officials in Ankara last week.

Turkish Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller said Sunday that Turkey had asked Barzani to act to eliminate the PKK's presence from the border area.

"Turkey is determined to take all measures against terrorist activities in Northern Iraq. In this respect Turkey is also ready to help him (Barzani) in a move by his forces to destroy the terrorists," Ciller said in a statement.

Ankara complains that the PKK, which has been waging a separatist war in southeastern Turkey since 1984, has been launching attacks against Turkish targets from its bases in Northern Iraq.

In a related development, the Turkish Foreign Ministry denied that Ankara had given up plans to create a security zone on the Iraqi side of the border to prevent infiltration by PKK rebels into the country.

"All necessary measures, including the security zone's creation, will be taken when deemed necessary," Ministry spokesman Sermet Atacandil told a news briefing.

The last batch of U.S. troops to arrive in Kuwait set up their camps yesterday and prepared for live-fire war games in the desert as the United States signaled its crisis with Iraq was easing.

The last troops arrived in Kuwait from Fort Hood, Texas, on Sunday, bringing the total number of reinforcements to arrive in four days to "approximately 3,000," Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Nickerson said.

Diplomats said the latest showdown appeared over, however, with some saying Washington had reasserted its commitment to defend oil-rich Kuwait and Saudi Arabia while revealing a lack of vision on how to deal with Saddam Hussein.

"The American action in the short term was a success. It gave a lesson to a dictator who remains dangerous," commented one European diplomat.

Netanyahu to Discuss Economics on European Tour

JERUSALEM - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is due to begin his first European tour today since coming to power, aims to stress Europe's financial role in aiding the stalled Middle East peace process.

Netanyahu will visit Britain, France and Germany from September 24-26 for talks with British Prime Minister John Major, French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Since forming his right-wing coalition government, Netanyahu has made two trips to the United States, the key sponsor of the peace process.

But Netanyahu said last week that Europe could have "a special role in the Middle East by moving from donor status to that of an investor, because peace needs prosperity."

Tel Aviv-Cairo Friction

CAIRO, EGYPT - Friction between Egypt and Israel has turned personal with Cairo portraying Is-

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Vienna	11°C	Madrid	18°C
Frankfurt	12°C	Rome	21°C

But he added: "Everyone feels the time has come to look to the future of this country (Iraq). I feel even Washington is asking these questions."

U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry said Sunday that Iraq was backing away from its threats, adding the Pentagon might send home one of its two aircraft carriers in the area, the USS Carl Vinson, in the next week.

U.S. President Bill Clinton ordered the buildup in the Persian Gulf region, including sending extra ground troops and a second aircraft carrier, the USS Enterprise, after Iraq fired missiles at U.S. planes flying over Iraq two weeks ago.

Iraq's air force was ready to intervene during the latest showdown with the United States and the military remains prepared to defend Iraqi sovereignty, Defense Minister Sultan Hashem Ahmad said yesterday.

But General Ahmad signaled the crisis with Washington was easing and also said Baghdad preferred diplomacy to block a Turkish plan to create a "security zone" inside Iraq.

"The air force had been ready to intervene and had been waiting for orders to join (the battle) when the moment came," Ahmad, speaking in the past tense, told the newspaper Al-Thawra.

critical pressure. In other words, the new international autocracy, contrary to its proclamations of support for freedom of expression, cannot even tolerate dissenting views regarding its destructive policies.

Prevalence of attitudes of this nature in the Security Council have clearly shown that the Council needs fundamental and substantive reform and modification particularly in its rules and decision-making procedures. The realities of today's international scene are so different from those prevailing in the aftermath of the Second World War that debilitate the Security Council with its present structure and prevent it from meeting the new challenges.

"On the other hand, the General Assembly enjoys greater credibility in view of its relatively universal, democratic and transparent character. The supreme body of the Organization should not become the forum for general and inconclusive discussions. The Assembly, in accordance with the Charter, must assume its rightful place as the primary decision-making body on important international political and economic issues.

"The promotion and strengthening of peace and understanding not only in the region but in the world at large has always been pursued as a cornerstone of Iranian foreign policy. In the recent visit of the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Africa, our efforts to bring about recon-

ciliation between Sudan and Uganda led to the signing of a memorandum of peace between the two neighboring states, and we hope through every one's co-operation and understanding, a more lasting peace can be attained."

(The full text of Velayati's address will appear in IRAN NEWS later this week.)

enabled us to save \$15 million," he noted.

The director said, "Right now, we can use OCM (oo-condition maintenance) for all helicopter parts."

"We have repaired more than 90 helicopters that were damaged in part or full during the war. Now these helicopters are used for relevant operations," he emphasized.

"Among other activities of our department, I can mention the installation of a machine-gun on a 214 helicopter to enable it to engage in self-defense," Thameo noted.

He added, "A simulator is even more difficult to manufacture than a helicopter, so right now we have the technical capability to manufacture helicopters."

percent of pilot training on the ground, the IRAF commander added.

The testers developed by the Air Force for Sukhoi, F-7 and F-14 fighters can check all instruments during flight, he said. And the Air Force has made great advancements in manufacturing aerodynamic super alloys.

"IRAF's experts and technicians are conducting a basic overhaul of its heavy transportation fleet, and Iran can act as an aircraft maintenance center for the region," Baqaie concluded.

and Renovation Organization (IDRO)," said Leylaz.

During the last Iranian year, Paykan had a growth rate of 33%, Peugeot 33%, Volvo trucks 33%, Nissan Patrols 38%, Khavar trucks 31%, Ivako trucks 34%, Pride 42% and Shahab buses 33%.

Leylaz said that guests from Egypt, Pakistan, Jordan and Kuwait would visit IDRO's pavilion during the fair.

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Eye on Greater East Asia

"On Irano-Japanese Relations"



By: Behzad Shahandeh, Ph.D.

Iran's image in the eyes of the ordinary people of Japan has to some extent been tarnished in recent years. Iran is partly to blame for allowing Iranians to go to Japan without really anticipating the enormous costs it would entail. These costs are in the way the Iranians were mishandled emotionally and physically by the groups who offered jobs to them in a country where foreign labor is not allowed legally. But this labor is tolerated illegally because the high cost of labor makes it a necessity.

For Japan's part, the oppression inflicted on Iranians went unnoticed. It let the Mafia groups (the Yakuza) blackmail the workers into working long hours for little pay (at least, much less than they deserve). The threat hanging over their head was deportation and a fine for working illegally. Our countrymen were in a desperate situation and had to surrender to the demands.

Again, it was Iran's fault for not organizing them into groups, sending them on contracts with health insurance, etc. They were made a prey for criminal gangs in Japan. It was also Japan's fault for not admitting them legally to work or taking the necessary precautions to protect them from all sorts of evil. As a result of the situation and atmosphere thus created, some Iranians became involved in improper activities and are looked upon by ordinary Japanese as something that can be extended to all Iranians. They are merely individual acts, the root cause being the awful situation they landed in, while not totally disregarding the propensity for personal gain or the bad nature of some.

To fix the image tarnished with both sides to blame, we need to come to terms with our recent past squarely and see to it that improper conduct by Iranians abroad does not have adverse effects on our relations. We must be vigilant in not letting trivial things upset strategic relations. We should strive to focus more on our common interests and less on our differences.

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Afghan Taliban Claim Advance Toward Key Government Stronghold

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN (AFP) - Afghanistan's Taliban Islamic militia yesterday advanced toward the key government stronghold of Sarobi after killing around 90 rival troops in two days of fighting, Taliban officials said.

A Taliban spokesman, quoted by the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP), claimed that the militia had encircled Abreshom Tangi (Silk Gorge), commanding the entrance to Sarobi, a government bastion 70 kilometers (43 miles) east of Kabul.

The militia was in control of the mountainous gateway to Sarobi after "fierce fighting," Amir Khan Muttaqi told the private information service from Kandahar in southwest Afghanistan.

No independent confirmation of the claims was immediately available.

Taliban sources put their own

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Yeltsin Should Resign If Too Unwell for Operation

MOSCOW, RUSSIA (AFP) - President Boris Yeltsin should resign if doctors decide he is too unhealthy to undergo heart surgery and must work at less than full strength as a result, the speaker of the Russian Lower House of Parliament said yesterday.

In this case "he should himself ask to resign," speaker Gennady Seleznev told Interfax news agency.

"Russia doesn't have this kind

losses in the fighting very low despite the intensity of the fighting.

Muttaqi said four Taliban soldiers had been killed and 10 injured, as other militia officials put the number of dead on the rival side at around 90 in the fighting since Sunday after a government offensive in the region east of Kabul.

The Islamic militia, which has had Kabul under siege for the past 11 months, has made sweeping territorial gains in eastern Afghanistan this month, taking Nangarhar Province and the provincial capital Mehtarlam in neighboring Laghman.

The 22-month-old militia, made up largely of ethnic Pushtuns, has vowed to topple the Kabul government and set up a state based on Islamic law in Afghanistan, where it now controls some 17 out of 30 provinces.

Ter-Petrosian Leads Presidential Race



YEREVAN, ARMENIA (AP) - President Levon Ter-Petrosian took a big lead over three challengers yesterday in Armenia's presidential election and was in strong position to capture a first-round victory with a majority, preliminary results showed.

With votes from eight of 11 regions counted, the central election commission said Ter-Petrosian had 56 percent to 37 percent for former Prime Minister Vazgen Manukian. Sergei Badalian of the Communist Party of Armenia was a distant third with 7 percent and Ashot Manucharian, the president's former national security adviser, had less than 1 percent.

Even before votes from the capital Yerevan and two other districts were captured, the president's ruling Armenian Nationwide Movement claimed victory.

The main opposition National Democratic Union, without citing figures, claimed earlier that its candidate Manukian was leading.

Chechen Rebel Leader Calls Off Council of Europe Visit

STRASBOURG, FRANCE (AFP) - The Council of Europe cancelled a debate on Chechnya yesterday after the separatist Commander Aslan Maskhadov and Russian National Security Chief Alexander Lebed both decided to stay away.

Sources at the Council, the European Democracy and Human Rights watchdog, said that Maskhadov was believed to have spoken to Lebed by telephone before announcing yesterday that he would not attend the debate.

Lebed, who negotiated a peace accord with secessionist forces in Chechnya last month, said on Saturday that he was unable to take

part in the debate, the first on the autumn session of the Council's Parliamentary Assembly.

Lebed cited "imperative commitments in the framework of negotiations on Chechnya" as the reason, but said he was "prepared to inform the assembly on another occasion concerning the measures taken to normalize the situation in Chechnya."

In Moscow, Interfax press agency, quoting separatist sources, said Maskhadov had obtained a visa to travel to France but had decided against the visit after "failing to receive an official invitation from the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly."



Holdings for construction of Bahar Azadi Park in Dezful. The park is 2,000 sq. m. in area and 250 m. in length. In asphalt in the street, an purchase of two garbage presses at 100 million rials were projects carried out by Dezful municipality.

Asked about the performance and plans of Dezful municipality for the current calendar year, Halakouyi, mayor of Dezful, said: "At the beginning of the year the third bridge over Dez River was exploited and before that substructure works, asphalt and expansion of the avenue and construction of a large square leading to the bridge was completed."

The majority of the substructure, asphalt and ornamental works in the boulevard opposite the bridge was completed at a cost of 1,500 million rials by the municipality.

Of other important projects launched in Dezful, Halakouyi referred to the Bahar Azadi Park built in an area of 2,000 sq. m. Shadi Park in an area of 650 sq. m. filling 250 thousand sq. m. of as-

phalts in the streets in Dezful and purchase of two garbage presses at a value of 400 million rials by the municipality. Also the Dezful/Andimeshk road was asphalted at a total cost of 750 million rials out of the municipality's income.

He said a total of 11,765 billion rials was spent by the municipality for completion of all development works out of the municipality's general income.

Regarding the future programs of Dezful, Halakouyi said: "In future the underground passage at the vicinity of the Third Bridge, overhead pedestrian bridge opposite Azad University, overhead bridge over the Moqavemat Highway, overhead bridge of 45 Metri/Imam Khomeini Avenue cross section will be built to facili-

Dezful's Municipality Has Developed and Beautified the Town

tate traffic in the city."

He applied to the citizens of Dezful to cooperate with the municipality like in the past by paying their municipality tax on time to enable the municipality to finish the big projects set for the city as soon as possible and promised them that the architecture of the town would be greatly improved.

Inspection of development works:

During the Government Week, Deputy Governor-General of Khuzestan Province Hejazi and his entourage visited Dezful and inspected the Bahar Azadi and Shadi parks, a mini football ground, asphalt of Dezful/Andimeshk road, phase 1 of the large Roudband Park, Moqavemat Highway overhead bridge, eastern wing of Sanjar Highway, construction of underground passage at the Pol-e Sevom cross section and overhead pedestrian bridge opposite Azad University. Some of these projects were inaugurated and some were kicked off.

The municipality has budgeted 11,765 billion rials for construction of the above projects as well as the following projects out of the municipality's incomes:

1. Inauguration of asphalt of

Dezful/Andimeshk Highway at a cost of 780 million rials.

2. Inauguration of overhead pedestrian bridge over Moqavemat Highway at a cost of 150 million rials.

3. Inauguration of Park Shadi and Fadaeyan Islam Ave. at a cost of 50 million rials.



Pol-e Moqavemat Square (Raced Band)

Underground passage at Pol-e Sevom intersection square, overhead bridge opposite Azad University, overhead bridge over Moqavemat Highway and overhead bridge of 45 Metri/Imam Khomeini Avenue will facilitate traffic in Dezful.

4. Inauguration of phase 1 of Roudband Park at a cost of 100 million rials.

5. Inauguration of access roads to Pol-e Sevom at a cost of 100 million rials.

6. Inauguration of the eastern wing of Sanjar Highway at a cost of 80 million rials.

7. Ground breaking of District 1 municipality building at a cost of 800 million rials.

8. Inauguration of Bahar Azadi Park at a cost of 75 million rials.

9. Inauguration of sports complex under the old bridge at a cost of 40 million rials.

10. Starting construction of underground bridge at Pol-e Sevom and Dezful/Andimeshk Highway cross section at a cost of 1 billion rials.

11. Ground breaking of the large passenger terminal at a cost of 6 billion rials.

12. Commencement of lighting work and access lines to the third bridge at a cost of 70 million rials.

13. Studies for reorganization of the river, phase 1, at a cost of 10 million rials.

14. Ground breaking for construction of overhead bridge at Dezful/Andimeshk Highway at a cost of 150 million rials.

15. Commencement of building of the municipality headquarters at a cost of 1 billion rials.

16. Construction of administrative building and driving examination township at a cost of 60 million rials.

17. Purchase of garbage transportation machinery at a cost of 400 million rials.

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South Korean Military Chief Apologizes Over Submarine Incursion

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SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA (AFP) - South Korean Defense Minister Lee Yang-Ho apologized yesterday for failing to stop an incursion by a North Korean submarine as some 10,000 people held an angry anti-Communist demonstration.

"I apologize to the entire nation for failing to stop the infiltration," Lee told Parliament after a civilian was killed in crossfire during a hunt for fugitives from the submarine which ran aground near the city of Kangnung.

Lee, however, slammed the isolated North for being provocative.

"It was the most serious armed provocation since 1968 when dozens of North Korean commandos reached Seoul in a failed attack on the presidential office," he said.

His remarks followed a North Korean demand for the return of the wrecked sub, which Pyongyang claimed had been on a routine training mission and had strayed south last Wednesday because of engine trouble.

In Kangnung, site of the massive search for fleeing crew from the submarine, some 10,000 residents urged South Koreans to stop sending aid through international agencies to the impoverished North.

The demonstration came after a mushroom picker was inadvertently trapped in the crossfire and shot dead early yesterday by South Korean soldiers.

In the six-day sweep, 20 infiltrators have been killed or found dead, and three South Korean soldiers have been shot dead. On yesterday, two more South Korean trackers were seriously wounded.

Bosnian Serbs Threaten to End Cooperation

BANJA LUKA, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA (AFP) - Bosnian Serb Leader Biljana Plavsic hinted yesterday that she could withdraw a pledge to cooperate with the agency that is to organize local polls slated for late November.

Plavsic told reporters here she was undecided over whether to honor a document she signed earlier this month extending the mandate of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

"We still don't know if the (Bosnian Serb authorities) and myself personally will withdraw the signature which handed over powers to the OSCE as regards their assistance for the upcoming municipal elections," she told reporters.

Socialists Win Absolute Majority in Greece

ATHENS, GREECE (AFP) - Greece's governing PASOK Socialist Party won an absolute majority in weekend elections, taking 162 seats in the 300-member Parliament, according to results released yesterday by the Interior Ministry.

This was based on results in from 17,500 polling stations out of a total of 17,710 following Sunday's vote. In the outgoing Parlia-

Only one North Korean has been captured alive, and five are believed to be at large.

The defense minister said South Korea mobilized some 60,000 troops, including thousands of police, 66 helicopters and 77 tracker dogs for the search.

In Seoul, Parliament adopted a resolution urging the international community to help curb North Korea's military "provocations" on the Korean Peninsula.

"We call for cooperation of the international community to check provocations by North Korea on

the Korean Peninsula, which is still in cold war confrontation," the resolution said.

South Korean Foreign Minister Gong Ro-Myung is due to meet U.S. Ambassador James Laney today to discuss the incursion, which has sparked a security alarm here.

The South Korean defense minister and a senior commander of the 37,000 U.S. troops here will be present to assess an "allied" policy towards the Communist North, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.



KANGNUNG, S. KOREA: S. Korean soldiers search for the five remaining N. Korean infiltrators still at large, near Kangnung Sept. 23.

(AFP Photo)

Algerian Opposition Rejects Offer to Join Government

ALGIERS, ALGERIA (AFP) - Algeria's main opposition parties yesterday rejected an offer by President Liamine Zeroual to take part in a coalition government and enter the country's transitional legislature.

Zeroual said at the weekend that consultations were underway to enlarge the government and the country's transitional legislature, the official APS news agency reported.

"Proposals have been made to this effect to political parties," he told a press conference Saturday.

Zeroual did not specifically name any parties, but said the enlargement could include those that boycotted last week's national political conference which set out a framework for political pluralism in Algeria.

The former ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) said it had agreed to Zeroual's proposal, but

only if it received "more than two ministerial posts," saying its willingness to join the government without insisting on leading it was "already a sacrifice."

But the Socialist Forces Front (FFS) said its presence in the enlarged government or in the transitional legislature was "out of the question."

"The government aims at restoring an authoritarian regime with a legal cover," it said.

The transitional legislature has replaced Algeria's Parliamentary Assembly since the cancellation of elections in 1992 which the now-banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) were poised to win.

Since then Algeria's leadership has been engaged in a civil war with Islamic activists in which an estimated 50,000 people have died.

18 Killed, 20 Injured in Clashes at Mine Workers' Settlement

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA (AFP) - The death toll in fighting between rival groups at a gold mine workers settlement northwest of here rose to 18 after renewed clashes yesterday, police said.

Eight people were killed early yesterday when the two groups clashed at the Springvale farm shack settlement near the town of Stilfontein, which is home to thousands of mine contract workers.

Eight people were also injured in the latest clash, which involved mostly hand-to-hand combat with traditional clubs and other weapons, police told the SAPA news agency.

Police spokesman Pieter Du Plessis said ethnic tension between Pondo- and Sotho-speaking workers appeared to be at the root of the conflict at the shanty town near the Buffelsfontein and Hartbeesfontein gold mines.

87 Dead as Fresh Fighting Rages in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA (AFP) - Fighting raged in north-eastern Sri Lanka yesterday as troops mounted a fresh offensive to capture the political headquarters of the Tamil Tiger rebels, leaving 87 dead, officials said.

Hundreds of troops backed by tanks, artillery and aircraft advanced three kilometers (almost two miles) into territory held by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the Defense Ministry said.

The Defense Ministry said the operation was aimed at "dominating" an area ahead of the newly captured town of Paranthan, just six kilometers (four miles) north of Kilinochchi where the Tigers now have their political base.

"Domination of areas well ahead of Paranthan defenses will continue," the ministry said, placing rebel casualties at 200 killed or wounded.

One Dead, Five Held, Explosives Seized as Police Foil IRA Attack

LONDON, ENGLAND (AFP) - British anti-terrorist police yesterday shot dead one man and arrested five others in London and southern England swoops that netted some 10 tons of explosives they said were part of an imminent IRA bomb attack.

London Police Commissioner Paul Condon said up to 10 tons of "ready for use" explosives were seized in coordinated raids in west and southwest London and in Sussex, along with two lorries and three Kalashnikov automatic rifles.

He said two handguns and a large quantity of ammunition were also seized, along with "an array" of bomb-making equipment, two pounds of Semtex commercial explosive, detonators and a number of other vehicles.

Police earlier said one suspect was killed in a shoot-out with anti-terrorist officers during the pre-dawn raids, and that five others were arrested, and that further searches were being carried out in northern England.

Condon said the raids had frustrated an attempt by the IRA to carry out "significant and im-

mediate attacks on members of the public, which were designed to lead to loss of life, serious damage and disruption."

Prime Minister John Major said he was "absolutely delighted by the success of the security authorities in foiling the IRA's latest plans to attack the people of this country as they go about their daily lives."

"The discovery of these plans, and the huge stocks of explosives and arms, put in their proper context professions of peaceful intentions by Sinn Fein's leaders and speculation about a new IRA cease-fire," he said in a statement released by 10 Downing Street.

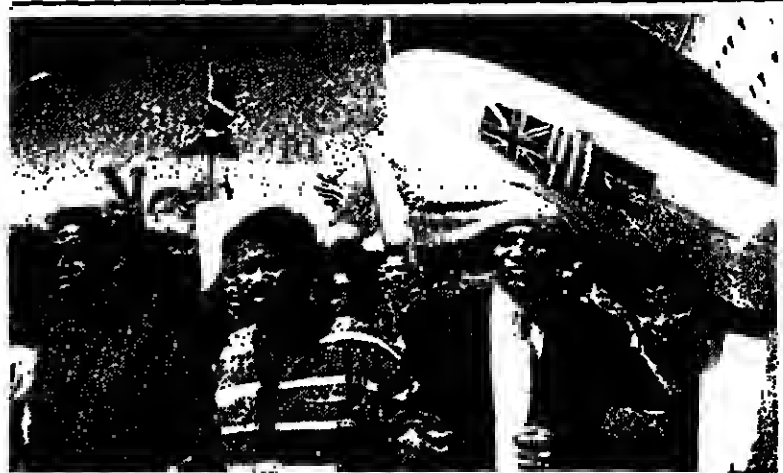
"It remains impossible to reconcile Sinn Fein's rhetoric for peace with the IRA's preparations for murder," he said.

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political voice, said the seizure of explosives "presents great challenges for everyone. Everyone is going to be tested. Everyone is going to be challenged and we have to keep our eyes firmly fixed on the prize."



KANGNUNG, S. KOREA: Some 10,000 angry Kangnung citizens wave banners and shout "No Aid to North Korea" during a rally Sept. 23. The demonstrators are outraged at the incursion of a North Korean submarine and the death of a 56 year-old South Korean, who became the first civilian casualty when he was caught in crossfire between S. Korean troops and N. Korean infiltrators.

(AFP Photo)



CAPE TOWN, S. AFRICA: Miles Bhudu, head of the South African Prisoners Organization for Human Rights (L), Rashied Staggie, leader of the Hard Living Kids gang (2nd L); Pastor Alben Martins, a reformed gangster (3rd L) and a church associate are enveloped by the old South African flag during a march to Parliament in Cape Town Sept. 22. Several hundred concerned members of the community and alleged ex-gangsters marched to parliament to hand over a memorandum to demand, among other things, the release of Colin Stansfield, an alleged drug-dealer and an investigation into the death of Rashad Staggie (twin brother of Rashied), at the hands of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (PAGAD).

(AFP Photo)

Bayer Leverkusen Defeats SC Freiburg 5-3

LEVERKUSEN, GERMANY (AP) - Bayer Leverkusen defeated SC Freiburg 5-3 in Bundesliga soccer Sunday, the sixth loss in a row for the last-place SC Freiburg.

Dieter Frey put the visiting Freiburg team on the board first after 14 minutes of play. Ten minutes later, Bayer-Leverkusen's goal-getter Ulf Kirsten tied the score 1-1.

Paulo Sergio made it 2-1 after 32 minutes and Markus Feldhoff 3-1 with a disputed penalty kick in the 56th minute. Some 18,000 fans turned out for Sunday's game.

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SPORTS



BOLOGNA, ITALY: Milan's Weah (R) of Liberia is challenged by Bologna's defender Stefano Torrisi during their Italian First League match here September 22. Milan won 2-1. (AFP Photo)

Leicester Upsets Spurs 2-1

LONDON (AP) - Kasey Keller made a stunning one-handed save and then team-mate Ian Marshall scored the winner with a close-range header five minutes from time as promoted Leicester scored an upset 2-1 victory at Tottenham Sunday.

Martin O'Neill's team, which also tied at Sunderland and Forest, pulled off its biggest result yet at White Hart Lane.

Steve Claridge fired the Foxes ahead after 22 minutes and Steve Walsh missed a penalty which would have made it 2-0. Spurs were fortunate to level in the 64th minute when a Leicester defender was harshly judged to have brought down Ruel Fox and Clive Wilson scored from the spot.

Near the end, American goalkeeper Keller arched his back to make a spectacular one-handed save to stop a Darren Anderton shot which was swerving into the top corner of the net.

And, at the other end, Emile Heskey hit the Spurs post and Marshall took advantage of poor marking by the home defense by heading a right wing corner into the net from six yards.

Sports Highlights

England Recall Carling and Guscott

LONDON (AFP) - Former England captain Will Carling and fellow center Jeremy Guscott were recalled to the England Rugby Union squad on Monday.

The English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (EPRUC) have permitted their players to turn up for the session after they had told them to boycott the last two, signaling a softening of their stance against English rugby's governing body the Rugby Football Union (RFU).

Carling, though, had criticized EPRUC for their policy of boycotting the sessions and said that no player should be barred from playing for his country.

Both Guscott and Carling have been playing well for Bath and Harlequins respectively.

Carling has produced the added bonus of unexpectedly accurate goal-kicking that has brought him 45 points in four matches and help lift Harlequins to the top of League one.

"I am very pleased to be back in the squad. I have trained hard both before the start of the season and this month and I believe that I have generally played well in the games so far," Carling, under whose captaincy England won 44 of 59 internationals, said.

Sanchez Waits for Return of Glory Days

TOKYO (AFP) - Arantxa Sanchez Vicario has gone back to playing a waiting game in her quest for international recognition.

And after being the losing finalist for the seventh time this year in the Tokyo International on Sunday, the Spanish world number two knows she will have to wait a little longer to become the established women's world number one.

The problem is Steffi Graf and Monica Seles, two of the greatest women tennis players ever, will not give her a look in.

"At the moment, Steffi is the player who's won more Grand Slams, so that's why she's the number one," said Sanchez, after losing to Seles 6-1, 6-4 in the Tokyo final.

"But I did once when Steffi was there at her best. I believe that I can do it again also with Monica."

Sanchez was briefly number one three times in 1995 while Seles was still away from the tour recovering after being stabbed in Hamburg in 1993.

Since her return in August last year, Seles has been co-ranked number one with Graf by the Women's Tennis Association. That will last until she has played 14 tournaments or played for 18 months.

"I know it's very hard, but I just have to keep thinking positive, to keep going, and maybe my turn will come again. It's nice to be able to be there and fight for that with these two players," said Sanchez.

Sanchez has lost twice each to Graf and Seles this season which has made her probably the most frustrated player on the circuit.

Chiefs and Vikings Still Unbeaten

NEW YORK (AP) - Steve Beuerlein riddled the National Football League's top-ranked defense with a near-flawless first half that sent the Panthers to a 23-7 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday in one of four games this weekend between unbeaten teams.

Beuerlein went 17-of-20 with two touchdown passes to Wesley Walls before halftime as the second-year panthers (3-0) scored on their first three possessions to take a 17-0 lead. Beuerlein finished 22-of-31 for 272 yards as Carolina ran up 389 yards against the 49ers, who had allowed only 168 in their first two games.

"We looked like we were in another world out there," 49ers coach George Seifert said, "and Carolina certainly had a lot to do with it."

Minnesota, meanwhile, rallied for 13 points in the fourth quarter to hand Green Bay its first loss of the season but its fifth straight at the Metrodome, and Kansas City went to 4-0 for the first time in team history, beating another previously undefeated team, Denver, 17-14.

The fourth game between unbeaten teams will be Monday night in Indianapolis, when Miami visits the Colts.

Baltimore, Cincinnati, Houston and Pittsburgh were off this week.

Carolina's win was its second in three meetings with the 49ers and left the Panthers alone in first place in the NFC West.

Vikings 30, Packers 21

The Vikings got seven sacks against the NFL's top-rated quarterback and offense, but it took

Robert Smith's 37-yard TD run with 4:13 remaining to put them ahead for good.

The win made Minnesota (4-0) the surprising NFC Central leader, and sent the Packers (3-1) to their 12th loss in their last 13 games on artificial turf. Green Bay is 21-4 at home under coach Mike Holmgren, but 4-19 on turf and the Packers never have won at the Metrodome in five trips under Holmgren.



SHANNON SHARPE

Trailing 17-7, the Packers took the lead when Don Beebe went 80 yards with a short pass from Brett Favre and George Koonce returned an interception 75 yards. Once Smith gave Minnesota the lead back, the defense took over.

Chiefs 17, Broncos 14

As usual, the Chiefs muddled through, driving 67 yards in eight plays to for Marcus Allen's 2-yard run with 4:09 left at Arrowhead Stadium. That overcame 141 yards rushing by Terrell Davis and 131 yards receiving by Shannon Sharpe.

Giants 13, Jets 6

Dave Brown threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Chris Cal-

loway and Brad Dahnso kicked two short field goals as the Giants (1-3) won the battle of New York's two winless teams at Giants Stadium.

Redskins 17, Rams 10

In St. Louis, Washington intercepted three of Steve Walsh's passes, Gus Frerotte had a touchdown pass to Scott Galbraith and Terry Allen scored his fourth touchdown in as many games. That gave the Redskins (3-1) three straight wins for first time since 1992, their last winning season.

The Redskins have won six of their last eight overall and three straight on the road. The Rams (1-2) went seven quarters without a touchdown before Isaac Bruce scored from 3 yards out on an end-around with 7:17 to play.

Cardinals 28, Saints 14

In New Orleans, Lesbon Johnson scored the first two touchdowns of his NFL career on 56- and 70-yard runs as the Cardinals won another meeting of winless teams. Arizona had just 23 points entering the game.

Johnson ran for 189 of his 214 yards in the second half, breaking a 36-year-old team record. He had 4 yards rushing for the season coming into the game and ran for minus-2 yards last year.

Patriots 28, Jaguars 25, OT

Adam Vinatieri kicked his fifth field goal of the game from 40 yards with 2:36 gone in overtime for the Patriots (2-2). The visiting Jaguars (1-3) had rallied from a 22-0 deficit to tie it on 41- and 61-yard TD passes to Andre Rison after Jimmy Smith's 51-yard catch for a score.

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December 22-23, 1996 Tehran

The Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS) is planning to convene its seventh international gathering under the title of "The Development and Stability of the Persian Gulf Region" on December 22-23, 1996 in Tehran.

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Prospective participants are required to send a summary of their papers no later than October 10, 1996 and their complete papers by November 20, 1996 to the Secretariat of the Seventh Persian Gulf Seminar, the Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS), Shahid Aghai St., Shahid Bahrar Ave., Tehran, the I. R. of Iran.

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Highlights

Recall Carling Guscott

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Carling Guscott, a former international cricketer, has been recalled to the national team after a long absence. The recall comes as the team prepares for an upcoming series of matches.

Tickets for Return Victory Days

Tickets for the Return Victory Days event are now on sale. The event is expected to be a major celebration.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Japan to Help Kazakhstan Develop Crude Oil Deposits

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan plans to obtain exclusive rights from Kazakhstan to explore and exploit crude oil deposits in coastal regions of the Aral Sea, the Nihon Keizai Shimbun said Monday.

Kunio Komatsu, president of Japan National Oil Corp., a Japanese semi-government corporation, is to sign an agreement Monday with Kazakh Prime Minister Askar M. Kazhegeli on the project, the newspaper said, quoting corporation officials.

Under the agreement, Japan National Oil is to receive a license to explore and develop the deposits in two mining areas north of the Aral Sea for five years starting in April 1998, the newspaper said.

The corporation will send 10 billion yen (\$90 million) to determine the commercial feasibility of pumping an estimated one billion barrels available in the region, the daily said. It has already spent five to six billion yen exploring the Aral Sea coast.

The agreement is to specify that Kazakhstan would give Japanese refineries priority on that crude, it said. Following feasibility studies, Japanese oil firms are expected to start negotiations with the country over the project.

The daily said the project could lead to the first independent development of major central Asian oil resources by Japanese firms.

Chinese Win \$60m Kuwaiti Oil Contract

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - A Chinese firm has won a 60-million-dollar contract to repair an export jetty at the Shuaiba Oil Refinery, Kuwait National Petroleum Corporation (KNPC) said on Sunday.

China Harbor Engineering Company won the contract to repair the export jetty at Kuwait's smallest Shuaiba refinery with a bid of 18.4 million dinars (\$62m), KNPC executive assistant managing director of planning and finance, Sami al-Rashaid told the official Kuwaiti news agency Kuna.

The Chinese firm offered the lowest price, among four bidders for the job. The work will take 476 days to complete, Rashaid said.

The project is part of an ongoing program to refurbish and up-

grade the Shuaiba Refinery and its facilities, which were badly damaged during the seven-month Iraqi occupation between 1990 and 1991.

At present, the Shuaiba Refinery has capacity to process 155,000 barrels per day (bpd) of oil, and is expected to reach its pre-invasion capacity of 195,000 bpd in 1997.

Kuwait has two other, larger refineries at Mina al-Ahmadi, with capacity of 425,000 bpd, and Mina al-Abdullah, with capacity of 255,000 bpd.

KNPC carries out all domestic refining and distribution of oil products. It is a subsidiary of the state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, the holding company for all Kuwait's oil activities.

Italian Labor Talks Stumble, Attention on Budget

ROME (Reuters) - The Italian government has postponed a national conference on unemployment originally scheduled for later this week after failing to strike an agreement with unions and employers on new labor contracts.

The delay gives Prime Minister Romano Prodi's center-left administration more time to work on the problematic 1997 budget which is expected to be presented on Friday.

Treasury Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi wants to introduce as tough a package as possible, including cutbacks to health and pensions spending, to prepare Italy for the launch of the single European currency in 1999.

But a key government supporter, the hard left communist re-foundation, has refused to sanction any move on sensitive welfare spending and has called for an urgent meeting with Prodi and his parliamentary allies on Monday.

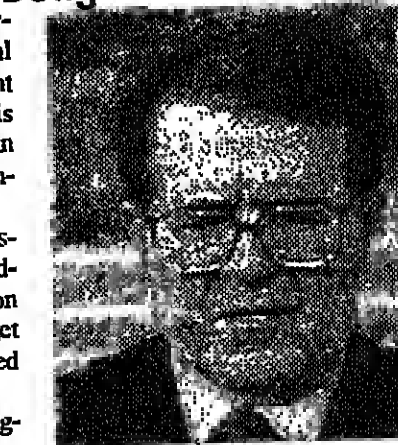
Faced by a dense week of budget meetings, Prodi decided to put back the long-awaited unemployment conference in Naples until an unspecified date next month.

By then, he hopes he can go to

AER Lingus Pilots Call Off Strike

DUBLIN, IRELAND (AP) - Pilots at AER Lingus national airline called off their planned strike Sunday night, hours before it was to have begun.

The action over a pay dispute was halted after pilots and man-



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the forum with an accord on new working practices aimed at easing Italy's high jobless total which is stuck at just over 12 percent of the workforce.

Talks between the government, unions and business leaders on ways to cut Italy's army of unemployed stumbled on Saturday when employers' federation Confindustria objected to plans to reduce the length of the working week from 48 hours to 40.

The change has to be introduced by the end of the year under a European Union directive, but Confindustria is worried that the new limit will lead to a leap in overtime payments.

The pilots called the strike, to have begun at midnight, in support of a 17 percent pay increase demand.

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Farmworkers Are Bottom of World Wage-Earning League

GENEVA (AFP) - Farmworkers are bottom of the league of the world's wage-earners, existing well below the poverty line in most countries, the International Labor organization (ILO) said Monday.

The U.N. body said in a report that in 40 percent of the 45 countries it had reviewed farmworkers did not even receive a subsistence wage. Most had no social security protection and many were at serious risk from pesticides.

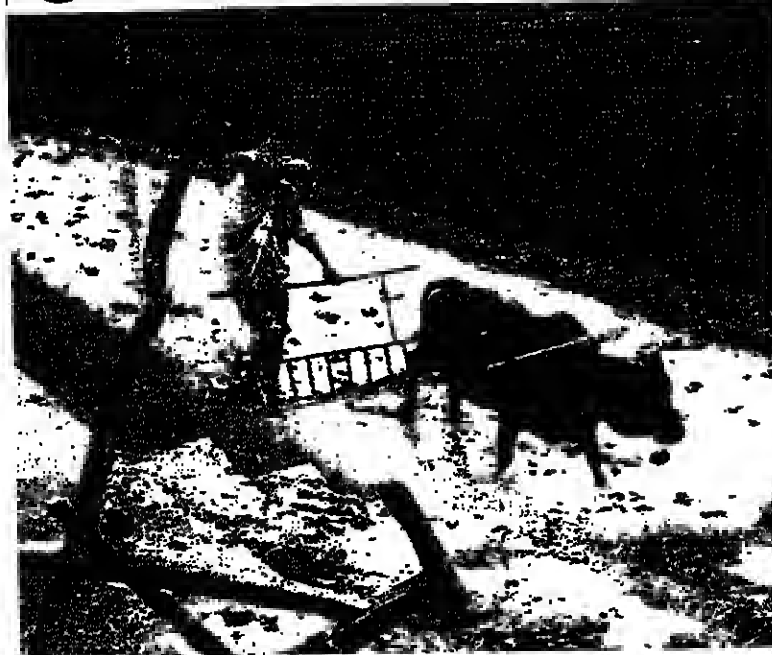
The report was issued as representatives of employers, workers and trade unions prepared to discuss the problem in an ILO-organized conference here from Monday to Friday.

The ILO noted that farm laborers on average worked for only 175 days a year, being left virtually without income for the rest of the time. In 18 of the 45 countries covered, real wages had fallen in the past decade and in eight others they had not progressed.

The report estimated at 440 million the number of wage-earning farmworkers in the world out of a total of 1.1 billion in the sector, a third of them women and another third children in some developing countries.

Nearly 80 percent are in Asia (60 percent in China and India alone), followed by 14.3 percent in Africa and 3.6 percent in Latin America.

Highlighting the danger from pesticides, the ILO said that even in the United States the U.S. environmental protection agency classed agriculture as one of the three most dangerous activities



and put the number of those poisoned each year at tens of thousands.

In Costa Rica, the report said, 4.5 percent of the agricultural workforce suffered similarly each year.

The ILO said laborers were also at greater risk from accidents while working or during transport to and from the fields, often packed into trucks in "inhuman" conditions.

The ILO put the subsistence wage level at the ability to pay for a kilo (2.2 pounds) of basic food grains with the income from an hour's work.

This capacity varies from five minutes in Sweden to more than six hours in the central African republic, with India being the average at 37 minutes.

In five out of 12 developing countries with high rural populations that were analyzed - Brazil, Guatemala, Honduras, the Philippines and Zambia - more than half of farmworkers were below this poverty line.

In Egypt, Morocco and Pakistan, the proportion was below 25 percent, the ILO said.

In the past decade farmworkers' real wages had risen by 30 percent or more in just six countries, Argentina, Colombia, Cameroon, Nigeria, the Philippines and Sweden, the report said.

The ILO predicted that over the next 10 years the size of the agricultural workforce would continue to rise in the world, but would come down in eastern Europe and the countries of the former Soviet Union.

Bahrain Unveils Draft Budget with \$198m Deficit

MANAMA, BAHRAIN (AP) - The cabinet on Sunday discussed a draft state budget for the fiscal years 1997-98 that includes an estimated \$198 million shortfall, the official Gulf News Agency reported.

The budget forecast narrows from a projected deficit of 236 million dinars for the two years ending Dec. 31, 1996.

The agency quoted minister of finance and national economy, Birch Abdul-Karim as saying that the budget expenditure was set at \$3.7 billion. No revenue figure was given.

Some 310 million dinars (\$833 million) will be allocated for construction projects and more than 250 million dinars (\$663 million) will be spent through companies and industrial establishments held by the government, he told a weekly cabinet meeting.

However, the minister said the deficit for the 1997-98 budget was set at 75 million dinars (\$198 million) of which 40 million dinars (\$106 million) would be covered through easy-term borrowing from Arab funds and the Jiddah-based Islamic Development Bank on the basis of a program agreed upon with Bahrain's finance ministry.

"The rest of the deficit will be covered by national funding," Abdul-Karim said, without elaborating.

The deficit showed a drop of 161 million dinars (\$427 million) from 236 million dinars (\$625 million) in the 1995-96 budget.

The reason for the drop is

budget deficit was not known but Bahrain's economy received a strong boost when its oil-rich neighbor Saudi Arabia agreed to allocate to the tiny island 140,000 barrels per day from the shared Abu Saafa oil field.

That provided an estimated additional revenue of some \$200

million annually. The island also produces some 40,000 barrels of crude a day from other fields, but the main revenue

earner is oil product exports from a refinery with a capacity of 250,000 barrels a day, supplied mainly by Saudi Arabia.

Mexican Ruling Party Doooms Petrochemical Sell-Off

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) - Ruling party nationalists have doomed government plans to privatize Mexico's 61 petrochemical plants by voting at a convention to formally oppose the sell-off.

Delegates of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), which has governed Mexico since taking power in 1929, took the historic vote late on Saturday by rising to their feet, clenching fists and shouting nationalist slogans.

"Mexico, Mexico, Mexico" cried the ecstatic PRI delegates at the party's 17th national assembly when a proposal for the PRI to defend the petrochemical industry as state property won a favorable vote.

The decision should oblige PRI congressmen, who control Mexico's congress, to block the privatization which has already been delayed by charges the move is unconstitutional.

Since former president Lazaro

Cardenas nationalized the oil industry in 1938, the petroleum sector has been a focal point of nationalist sentiment.

Privatization of petrochemical plants has come up against stiff opposition, stopping the government from pushing through the sale of a complex of ammonia plants in Cosoleacaque.

National and international companies, including Terra and Farmland of the United States and Mexico's Agrinex, have already placed bids for Cosoleacaque, which has annual sales of more than \$400 million. The winner of the auction should have been named back in April.

The oil and gas industry comes under the state-owned monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), easily Mexico's largest company and a source of massive support for the PRI via the powerful oil workers' unions.

Economic Digest

DOHA - Qatar's minister of energy and industry will leave for Japan at the end of the week to meet with Japanese company officials involved in gas projects in Qatar and prospective buyers of liquefied natural gas, the Peninsula daily reported Sunday.

Sheik Abdullah bin Hamad al Attiya would leave for Japan with eight senior officials Sept. 28 to promote LNG sales from the Ras Laffan Port, the English-language newspaper said.

It quoted an unidentified energy ministry official as saying that Abdullah also would discuss a 10 percent stake sought by a Japanese consortium in a major LNG project at Ras Laffan.

Japan's Sumitomo, Itouchu and Nissho Iwai want a joint partnership stake in the Ras Laffan Liquefied Natural Gas Co.

"We are not sure if any decision will be taken in this matter, but it cannot be ruled out either," the paper quoted the official as saying.

DUBAI - Federal Express, the international courier service, has signed an agreement to open a cargo center in Dubai to service the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent, the Gulf Today reported Sunday.

It said the \$4 million center would be built at the airport by Dubai Civil Aviation. The facility, which will open in September next year, will be leased by Federal Express for a 10-year period, the English-language newspaper said.

RIYADH - Saudi Arabia has given more than \$70 billion worth of aid to developing countries since 1973, a report by the Saudi Development Fund said Sunday.

The report said 38 African countries, 22 Asian countries and 15 other developing countries received Saudi aid.

Saudi Arabia has donated funds of around 5.45 percent of its GNP, much higher than the 0.7 percent of GNP recommended by the United Nations, the report said.

MUSCAT - The Oman Development Bank has approved 74 loans this year worth more than 31 million riyals (\$82.8 million), the Omani news agency said Sunday.

The loans went to industrial and tourist projects and for setting up health clinics, hotels and private schools, the agency said, quoting the bank's director, Murad Fadel.

He said the bank is currently studying an additional 54 loan requests for industrial and service projects.

MANAMA - Bahrain, the third-largest aluminum producer in the world, had increased its worldwide sales by 30 percent last year to a record \$820 million, the Gulf Daily News newspaper reported.

The total sales increased from \$630 million a year earlier, the English-language newspaper said.

The sales to Arab countries alone were \$370 million last year against \$260 million in 1994, the newspaper added.

Bahrain has one of the most modern aluminum smelters in the world, run by the Alba Company, which has an annual production capacity of around 500,000 tons.

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Today in History

1943 - Soviet army crosses Dnieper river north of Kiy as Germans retreat in World War II.

1948 - First conference in London of representatives from Britain's African colonies.

1966 - Mob ransacks and burns Portuguese embassy in Leopoldville in the Congo.

1971 - Britain expels 90 Soviets for espionage activities.

1977 - United States and Soviet Union say high-level talks have narrowed their differences on proposed agreement limiting strategic bombers and missile forces.

1987 - Armed forces of Transkei seize control of one of South Africa's Black homelands, ousting the prime minister.

1990 - Iraq declares the Kuwaiti dinar invalid and withdraws it from circulation - Soviet lawmakers endorse plan calling for market economy - East Germany formally withdraws from Warsaw Pact.

1991 - Klaus Barbie, known as the butcher of Lyon, dies. U.N. Security Council unanimously orders worldwide arms embargo against Yugoslavia and all warring factions in its civil strife.

Exploring Options to Stop Snoring

BY DR. ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: Though my husband would deny this, I am the one who suffers from his low-rumbling, all-powerful, nightly symphony of snores. It is getting worse as the years go on, and I am losing a lot of much-needed sleep.

An article in our local paper mentioned a new laser technique to rid snorers of the roar, but before I showed it to Hubby, I thought I would ask your opinion. Is this a new technology miracle that is the answer to a suffering wife's prayers? I hope your answer will be a resounding "yes!"

ANSWER: Will you settle for a calm, soft-spoken "maybe"? Yes, there is a laser answer to snorers, but not all snorers are the same, and the underlying causes of your husband's serenade must be determined first.

The horrible snoring sounds come from the fluttering of tissues located in the air passage that relax as the snorer drifts off into sleep. The soft tissues located in the roof of the mouth, as well as the tongue, the throat and the uvula (the little bit of tissue that hangs down from the back of the roof of the mouth) all can obstruct the air flow if they relax too much. Enlarged tonsils or adenoids may also obstruct air flow and contribute to the sound.

A few first-line defenses can be tried to reduce or eliminate the snoring sounds. They include losing weight, sleeping on the side or treating nasal congestion or obstructions. Limiting the use of alcohol before bedtime, or eliminating tranquilizers or anti-bisamines used to bring on sleep may also help. These chemicals depress the reactions of the central nervous system, which may provoke excessive muscle relaxation

and permit snoring to occur. Of course, when all of these strategies fail, you may wish to think of surgery.

Surgery is directed to reducing the tissues that can be causing the air to vibrate during breathing, provoking the sound. With ordinary surgical procedures, a hospitalization is required and the excess tissue is cut and trimmed away so that the air passages are righteased up. It's a painful experience, with three days hospitalization generally required and a two-week postoperative recovery period.

The new laser procedure - called laser-assisted uvulopalatoplasty - is usually performed as outpatient surgery. The area of surgery is numbed with a local anesthetic, and the surgeon uses a hand-held laser to vaporize the excessive tissue. It tightens up the palate and trims away up to 50 percent of the uvula as it enlarges the air passage and reduces the tissues' ability to vibrate and produce noise.

The laser surgery has far fewer painful results, and the patient can usually go about routine activities. A sore throat lasts about four to five days, up to eight days in the rare case. It takes three to five sessions to achieve complete results, each lasting about 30 minutes and performed four to six weeks apart.

The bad news is that this procedure may change the pitch of the voice, either raising it or lowering it. And, of course, since laser surgery of this type is considered cosmetic in nature, most medical insurance plans will not pay for its costs.

One word of caution: A large number of loud snorers suffer from sleep apnea, a condition that

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JUMBLE.

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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See? As good as new



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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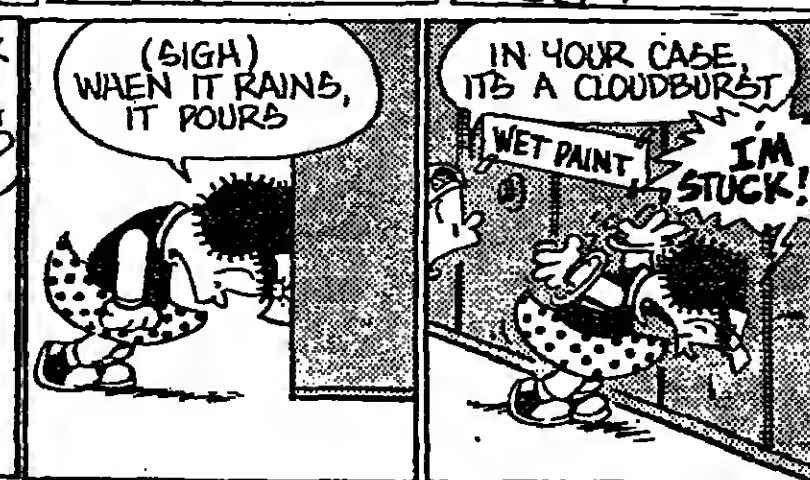
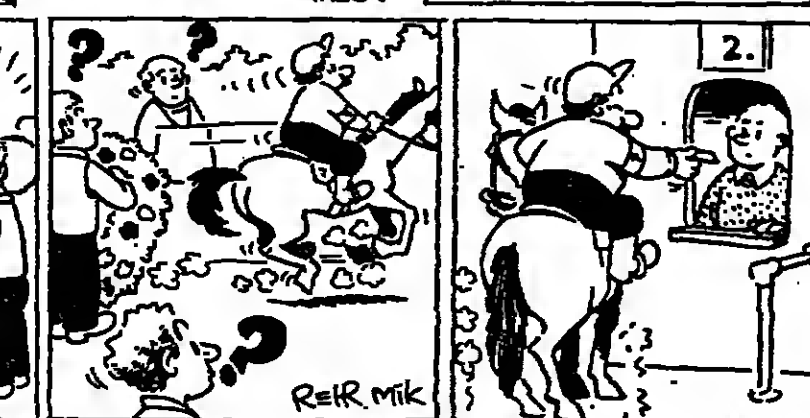
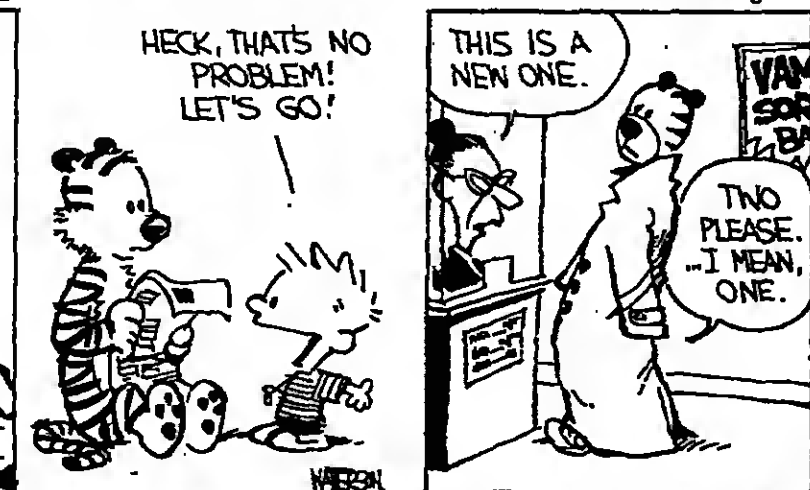
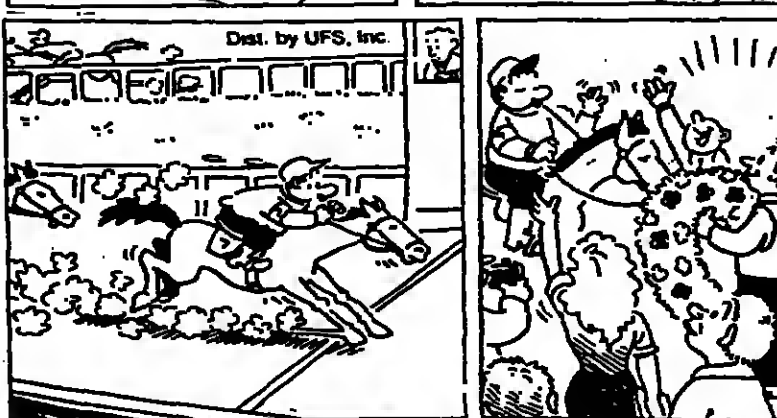
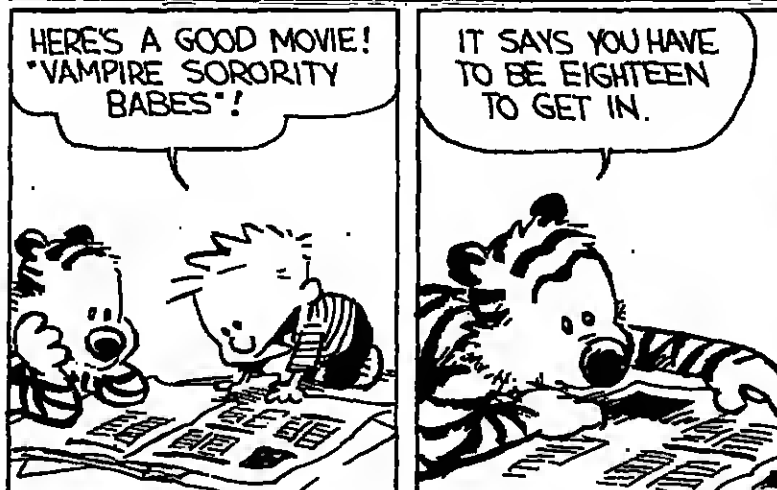
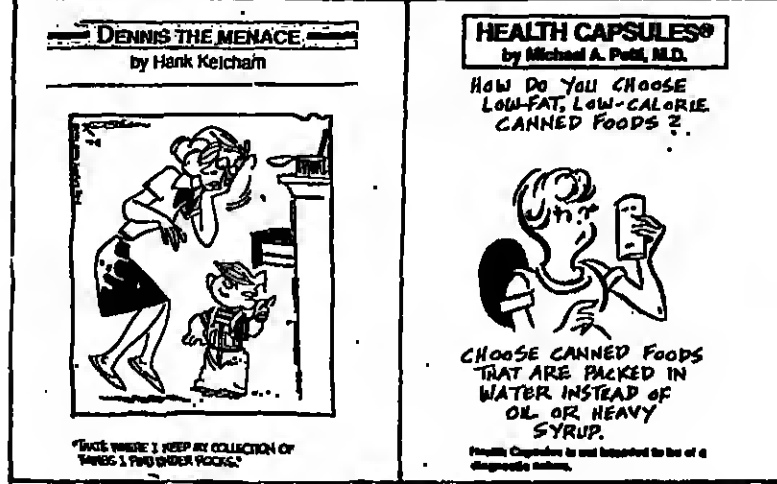


Plant resembling the preceding one with narrower and more brightly colored flowers and leaves completely smooth. It grows in mountain forests. Flowers June-September.

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"POPS" PAROLE OFFICER INSISTS HE HAVE A JOB!"



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IRAN NEWS

Researchers Claim Major Breakthrough in Cancer, AIDS Battle

SYDNEY (AFP) - Australian researchers have discovered an enzyme which could revolutionize cancer and AIDS treatments, they announced here recently.

The enzyme chews up and digests dying human cells which would make toxic treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation, which are used to damage the DNA of cancer cells, unnecessary, researchers said.

"We believe it is a major discovery," researcher, Sydney biochemist Professor Murray Fraser, told AFP.

"In the long-term we believe it will do away with the need for chemotherapy and radiation treatments. It has very important implications for the killing of cancer cells."

Fraser said it was in early stages but it was hoped the enzyme could be deployed in future

to cause cancerous or virus-infected cells to "suicide".

"Once enough damage has been caused, the enzyme goes after the DNA to chop it up," he said.

Researchers said they know the enzyme can be turned on naturally but they now need to find out how that happens.

Fraser said that when the trigger mechanism is found, the enzyme, known as Endo-Exonuclease or EE, could also be manipulated to stop the destruction of normal cells in the immune system when people are infected with HIV.

"The AIDS virus turns on the process which kills cells inappropriately. We may be able to reverse this so that we can keep the cells we want," Fraser said.

Research on EE by Fraser, a Canadian, and two colleagues at

Sydney's Children's Cancer Institute will be published in the September issue of the United Kingdom Journal of Cell Science.

Fraser, who began work on EE more than 20 years ago, will present the findings at a conference of the American Association for Cancer Research in three weeks.

The enzyme, first isolated in an orange-red mould commonly seen on burnt sugarcane fields, is present in all living cells.

It has the dual role of repairing damaged DNA and digesting it when cells die.

Fraser said EE was activated in a natural process known as apoptosis, where unwanted, decaying cells are broken down and engulfed by adjacent healthy cells.

Drug companies had already shown interest in the discovery, Fraser said, but he was unable to say when it would be marketed.

More Than 400 Million Chinese Suffer from Low Iodine

BEIJING (Reuters) - At least 400 million Chinese are suffering from iodine deficiency caused in part by consumption of low quality table salt, the China daily said recently.

China would begin licensing salt producers, transporters and wholesalers as part of a drive to eliminate diseases caused by iodine deficiency by year 2000, the newspaper quoted an official with industry regulator China National Salt Industry Corp as saying.

"It's known that at least 400 million Chinese suffer from iodine deficiency," the newspaper said.

Consumers were being urged not to buy salt from private producers, many of whom had cut costs and prices by not adding io-

dine, the official was quoted as saying.

About 25 percent of the eight million tons of edible salt sold in China last year was sold by private producers and did not have state-mandated levels of iodine, the official said.

China had spent nearly 1.0 billion yuan (\$120 million) to combat iodine deficiency and had received \$27 million in World Bank loans this year to promote the use of iodized salt, he said.

Consumption of iodized salt is the main intake of iodine for many rural and inland Chinese whose diets often do not contain other sources of iodine.

A shortage of iodine in the diet can cause goiter and brain damage and stunt the growth of children.

HIV Cases Mushroom in Russian Enclave

MOSCOW (AFP) - The number of people who tested positive for the HIV virus that causes AIDS tripled in a month in the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad, prompting medical authorities to declare an alert.

"The epidemic is growing at an appalling speed in the region," said the Chief Regional Medical Officer dealing with aids, Oleg Nelubin.

He said that in the past month, the number of people who tested HIV-positive rose from 37 to 122 in the enclave on the Baltic Sea, which has a population of one million and is wedged between Lithuania and Poland.

Part of the increase can be attributed to a broadening of the categories of people forced to undergo testing, such as refugees and returning sailors.

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Copper and Gold Mine in Tropical Mountains Makes \$1 Million a Day

TEMBAGAPURA, INDONESIA (AFP) - In cold, thin air, as horns are sounded against a background of roaring motors, more than 40 tons of dark rocks are pulled from a gaping mountain into a giant waiting truck.

Here, at an altitude of just over 4,000 meters (13,200 feet) in the heart of Irian Jaya, Indonesia's easternmost province, is the domain of Freeport, one of the three greatest copper and gold mines on Earth. It also produces silver.

Set in tropical forests populated by Melanesians - some still living a stone-age lifestyle - this mine makes an average profit of more than \$1 million per day.

Anywhere on Earth, you would have trouble finding a mine that is more difficult to reach. A mountain set among the highest peaks between the Himalayas and the Andes has been blasted open so Freeport can get at its ore.

The mine swallows the mountain at an average daily rate of 525,000 metric tons. Some 400,000 tons are rocks with no economic value, which are dumped in two neighboring valleys.

From the ore left behind, the company extracts on site around 15 tons of a concentrate containing copper and gold. What is left after that is discarded into the valley's streams.

Here you find the biggest trucks, the biggest excavators, the world's highest industrial cableway, not to mention Dantesque wells 600 meters (nearly 2,000 feet) deep through which the ore, once crushed, drops to the treatment plant.

It leaves the site in a semi-liquid state, traveling about 100 kilometres (about 60 miles) by pipeline to a port in an all but impenetrable mangrove swamp along Irian Jaya's Arufara sea coast.

Financial statistics relating to operating company PT Freeport-Indonesia (PTFI) are on the same

massive scale as the mine itself - \$5 million in average daily revenue, yielding just over \$1 million in daily profits.

Its New Orleans-based parent - Freeport McMoran Copper and Gold Inc. (FCX) - in less than 10 years has become one of the top 500 U.S. companies thanks to this mining concern, in which it holds more than 80 percent of the stock.

According to company figures, the mine produced a little more than 456,000 tons of copper, 38,100 of gold (1.36 million ounces) and 73,612 of silver (2.63 million ounces) in 1995.

Its proven reserves are still increasing and are already sufficient to keep the mine going for nearly half a century, with estimated gold reserves alone worth more than \$50 billion.

Tembagapura - "copper town" in Indonesian - was built at an altitude of nearly 2,000 meters (6,600 feet) to support the mine. It lies in a narrow valley where every flat surface seems to have been made artificially.

The town now has nearly 10,000 inhabitants, mainly unmarried workers, who live in dormitories.

To reach it, in little more than 10 kilometres (six miles) you climb 1,000 meters (3,300 feet) at an incline sometimes approaching 30 percent.

Only company vehicles are allowed, while security guards flanked by gun-toting soldiers in combat gear guard the entrance.

But the mine's presence has drawn newcomers from other islands, and is increasingly resented by the indigenous population.

In March, some went on the rampage, taking their fury out on colonists from other parts of Indonesia. The mine's management was forced to halt production - both mining and refining - for several days.

A local traditional chief has protested to the United States about damage to the environment



TEMBAGAPURA, IRIAN JAYA, INDONESIA: Mining engineers collect samples of minerals from a hole drilled in the Grasberg mine. The holes, one of which is being drilled in the background, are later filled with explosives which are detonated under ground. With a yearly output of 456,000 tons of copper and 38,100 tons of gold in 1995, and daily profits that reach \$1 million, Freeport's operation is one of the largest and most profitable mining operations in the world.

(AFP Photo) and non-respect of the rights of the indigenous people, demanding \$6 billion in damages.

In Irian Jaya, groups claiming to belong to independence movements have taken hostages three times this year to attract international attention.

Nearby Timika is a true frontier town. Set on a plain with an almost unbearable climate, its many discos double as brothels, beer flows and fights are common.

Officially more than 30,000 people live in this heap of ramshackle metal, wood and thatch

shacks. The actual figure may be much higher.

Freeport is conscious of the risks and of what is at stake. So is the Indonesian government. In 1995 the company contributed \$1.27 billion to the national budget in taxes and other payments.

The police and the army presence has been reinforced, with 1,000 soldiers dispatched.

But even one Freeport director says privately that the soldiers' presence may not help - in fact, they seem to be making things worse.

Brazil Eco Chief Vows Tight Rein for Foreign Loggers

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Brazil's top environmental official, saying the Latin American nation was no "Banana Republic," vowed to keep a tight rein on Asian logging companies moving into the vast Amazon rain forest.

At the start of a \$250 million private fundraising effort to preserve tracts of the Amazon, Environment Minister Gustavo Krause told Reuters late Saturday Malaysian and other loggers would be welcome only if they acted within the law.

"If the Malaysians don't leave our forests in peace, we won't leave the Malaysians in peace," he said as T-shirted Amazon Indian chiefs and rubber tapers mingled with men and women in evening dress.

"For them to come (to Brazil) acting as if it's a Banana Republic, why, then, they are going to have a very rough time of it," he said.

The recent arrival in the Amazon River basin of three Asian logging companies, including Malaysia's WTK group, one of the world's biggest timber companies, has heightened environmentalists' fears about the devastation of one of the last great wilderness on Earth.

Data from Brazil's Environmental Protection Agency IBAMA show that 11 percent of Brazil's Amazon forest has been cleared and the rate is speeding up. During 1994, 5,750 square miles (14,900 sq km) were cut down, up from 4,300 square miles (11,130 sq km) in 1993.

WTK and Malaysia's Samling Corp have heavily logged in Ma-

laysia's Sarawak region, where critics say serious ecological damage has been done to tropical forests.

The companies have been joined by Fortune Timber, owned by the Chinese government and Hong Kong investors, in buying out bankrupt Brazilian companies. IBAMA says the three own 11.1 million acres (4.5 million hectare) of Amazon timber land.

Krause rejected what he called "the scientific and political ideology" of the idea that the Amazon region and its countless species belonged to the world at large and not Brazil.

"What belongs to mankind is (the Amazon's) genetic diversity," he said. "That is something we can exploit ... while limiting ill-effects."

Brazil only has about 80 environmental inspectors in the Amazon, an almost-roadless area the size of Western Europe. Krause said Brazil would monitor its notoriously negligent timber industry more and more by satellite, a method that also would limit official corruption.

Krause spoke at a \$1,000-a-person reception and concert at a Lincoln Center Concert Hall launching the seventh in an annual series of seminars and presentations about the Amazon.

The series is run by the non-profit Amanaka's Amazon Network and marks the start of an effort to raise \$250 million to preserve 123 million acres (49 million hectare) of tropical forest, an area bigger than the state of California.

Global Warming Spawns Diseases

CANBERRA (AFP) - Tropical diseases are being unleashed in new areas of the world because of global warming, a Harvard professor told a health conference here earlier.

Many papers presented to the Climate Change and Human Health in the Asia Pacific Conference showed the scenario is more than a warning - it is already happening.

Harvard School of Public Health Professor Paul Epstein said vectors and the diseases they carry, like malaria and dengue fever, are being reported at higher altitudes in Africa, Asia, and Latin America than at any time this century. Climate change is also expected to spread these diseases and ones like encephalitis and yellow fever into other latitudes, he said.

Epstein told the Greenpeace/Australian Medical Asso-

ciation Conference that several factors are involved in the emergence, resurgence and redistribution of infections.

"Long term warming trends and altered climate variability may already be having impacts on disease patterns and in directions consistent with those projected under global warming scenarios," he warns.

"Further scenarios of disease distribution indicate a continuation of this trend."

Epstein said a working group of the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change has warned health impact from climate change will be overwhelmingly negative.

Eminent epidemiologist Anthony McMichael of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said some vector organisms that spread tropical diseases were hampered by their sensitivity to climates.

U.S. Government Retreats on Disputed Patent for Tribesman's Blood

NEW YORK (AP) - The U.S. government has quietly offered to abandon its rights to a microscopic bit of blood that stirred up a transoceanic storm of controversy, a decision critics welcome as a step back from the aggressive patenting of life forms.

The white blood cells, infected with a rare virus, were drawn from a member of a primitive Papua New Guinea tribe and were thought to have commercial possibilities - for vaccine development or other uses.

After the U.S. National Institutes of Health obtained a patent last year on the "cell line," or culture, Third World activists denounced it as "genetic colonialism." The Papua New Guinea government questioned whether the claim violated that Western Pacific nation's sovereignty.

Now the NIH is offering to transfer the patent rights to a trust benefiting the remote tribe, the Hagahai, said sources involved in the discussions, some of whom spoke on condition their names not be divulged.

But biotechnology companies have shown no interest in the cell line. And as its commercial poten-

tial fades, so does Papua New Guinea's interest.

Carol Jenkins, a medical anthropologist in Papua New Guinea who championed Hagahai rights in the dispute, has now recommended against the transfer, citing the legal expense and \$6,000 in fees the U.S. Patent and Trademark office asks to maintain the patent, said her legal adviser, Henry Greeley.

Dr. Jenkins decided it wasn't worth the time and effort, said the Stanford University law professor. As a result, the NIH is expected to abandon the patent.

Although the cell line may be reaching a scientific dead end, the Canada-based activists who led the anti-NIH criticism hailed the retreat on the patent as a victory against unfair exploitation of poor countries' genetic resources.

"It will be significant to indigenous people in particular," said Ian Christie of the Rural Advancement Foundation International. "It signals that it is beginning to filter through to people in patent offices that these issues are serious and are not going away."

The NIH has also decided, meanwhile, to discourage future

government patents on cell lines.

"We were blindly patenting things that were patentable," said a well-placed source at NIH headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland. "The PNG cell line certainly fell within that category."

This source said the policy change resulted from a broad review of wasteful patent practices, not from the Papua New Guinea controversy.

But Christie saw the timing as significant. "It means they're taking seriously the criticism about patenting human cell lines, even if they don't admit it," she said.

It is the latest NIH retrenchment in the contentious area of patenting life forms. Previously the government medical research agency had ended its practice of seeking blanket patents on human DNA fragments even before their functions were determined.

Religious leaders in the United States and Western European politicians are among those proposing moratoriums on the patenting of genes and other life forms, saying life is not a product of human invention.

But the biotechnology industry says patents, which protect future returns on costly investments, are

a necessary support for human genetic research.

The 300 or so Hagahai, long hidden in the New Guinea forests, first made contact with the outside world in 1983, after which Jenkins, an American working for a Papua New Guinea government institute, began working with them.

In the late 1980s, she and NIH researchers sampled Hagahai blood as part of an NIH program to test remote populations for virus variants. Hagahai were found to carry a human T-cell leukemia virus but not develop the disease.

Intrigued by an apparently benign variant that might help them better understand its deadlier relatives, U.S. scientists in 1991 applied for a patent on a cell line developed from a tribesman's blood.

It meant that for 17 years the U.S. government - or a company that bought rights to the patent - would have sole right to use that individual's virus-infected cells for commercial purposes.

Jenkins also retained rights as an "inventor" of the cell line, but she had said she would devote any eventual royalties to benefiting the Hagahai.



KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES: U.S. Astronaut Shannon Lucid (L) shares a meal Sept. 22 with her former Russian Mir-22 crewmates Engineer Aleksandr Kaleri (C) and Commander Valeri Korzun (R) aboard the U.S. space shuttle Atlantis. Lucid will bid farewell to Kaleri and Korzun when the Atlantis and her crew leave the Russian station Sept. 23 to return to Earth Sept. 26.

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Chief Vows Tight
Foreign Loggers

"It is necessary for all the masses to support President Hashemi Rafsanjani and his serving government."

Ayatollah Khamenei, Supreme Leader of Revolution

Tens of Large Development and Agricultural Projects to Be Inaugurated by the President in Takestan

Speaking to the press on the occasion of the visit of President Hashemi Rafsanjani to Takestan area, Karim Hajkarami, the governor of Takestan said: "We thank Almighty God that we are honored to host the prominent personality of the Revolution, the great leader of construction and our beloved President Hashemi Rafsanjani, whose presence will bless the Takestan region. I again request all the noble, hospitable and pious citizens of Takestan to congregate in this town to give a warm welcome to their beloved President thereby discharging their religious and historical duty and add another page to the glory of their town. I hope that by accepting my invitation all the devoted citizens would fulfill their religious obligations and renew their oath with the late Imam (R.A.),

the martyrs of the Islamic Revolution and the Supreme Leader of the Revolution."

In this historic visit, the President will receive a rousing and popular welcome from the devoted people of Takestan who are impatiently awaiting his arrival. Since President Rafsanjani is very interested to communicate with the people, he gracefully accepted the invitation of Rahmani, Takestan's representative at the Islamic Consultative Assembly and me to visit Takestan and promised to address a vast congregation of the people and breath a new life into their souls. The noble citizens of Takestan are expected to support the achievements of the Islamic Revolution and to accelerate the pace of our progress to the peak of glory.

After meeting the people, the President will inaugurate the Takestan Instructor Training Center which has been built with a total capital of 3.5 billion rials and which is offering different training courses to the dear citizens of Takestan in the field of machine works, welding, electronics, computer, earthenware, handicraft, calligraphy and design and embroidery and needle work for women. Instruction of the earthenware craft by this Training Center is the first program launched in the country which has received wide welcome by the nation. This well equipped Training Center is expected to open new branches in its future programs. In the meantime the President will break ground for construction of the large prayer enclosure at Takestan and the executive operation for that



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project will commence in a 15 thousand sq. m area. He will also inspect the large economic, industrial and social fair in Takestan. President Rafsanjani, who is very interested in fundamental and substructure works, is also expected to visit the water transfer canals which has commenced upon his express instruction. Simultaneously, the President will inaugurate more than 45 development projects in

Takestan areas. Some of these projects have already started and some will be kicked off by the President.

Meanwhile for the information of the citizens of Takestan the President will inaugurate the mobile telephone system for the first time in Takestan so that the citizens of this town can benefit from this advanced telecommunication apparatus.

In the meantime the President will launch telecommunication, cultural, educational, health, agricultural, social and housing projects simultaneously upon his visit.

We are grateful to Almighty God that the great leader of construction and our beloved President is visiting Zanjan Province to launch more than hundred projects in that Province and remind the martyr loving population of Takestan

who have long since expecting the President's arrival, that upon the instruction of the Supreme Leader of the Revolution it is necessary for all of them to wholeheartedly support the serving government.

The martyr loving people of Takestan are prepared to extend their wholehearted support to this historical personality who, according to the Supreme Leader of Islamic Revolution, is unrivaled in knowledge, intelligence and understanding of people's sufferings, and his presence in this region is deemed a blessing for the population. We hope that our noble people will benefit from President Rafsanjani's visit and will unanimously chant: "We love you more than everybody and we have laid a golden carpet for you to tread. Welcome to Takestan dear President. Welcome!"

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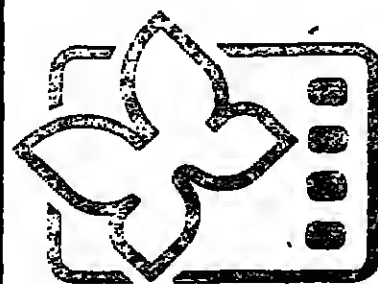
TEHRAN - President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said yesterday that film art is one of the most significant communication tools and that the Sacred Defense genre in the Iranian cinema assumes important responsibilities in the ongoing era of construction. The President also emphasized that in the present period of cultural conflicts cinema deserves a wider range of applications as well as greater attention.

In his message to the closing ceremony of the Sacred Defense Film Festival in Shiraz, President Hashemi pointed out that "During the eight year imposed war, this art (cinema) served to attract people's thoughts to the war issues. But at the present time, it should be at the service of our fight against enemies in other arenas. Filmmakers should help in the proper education of the youth by presenting images of the Islamic combatants as paragons of self-sacrifice."

In another part of the message, which was read by Mehdi Chamran, director of the Foundation for the Preservation of the Works and Values of the Sacred Defense, the President pointed out that the art of motion pictures followed the combatants to the battle fronts and recorded their heroic acts for the future generations.

President Rafsanjani concluded by expressing the hope that with the help of God and support of the concerned officials, Iranian cinema will find its rightful place in the international art arena and the history of the Islamic art.

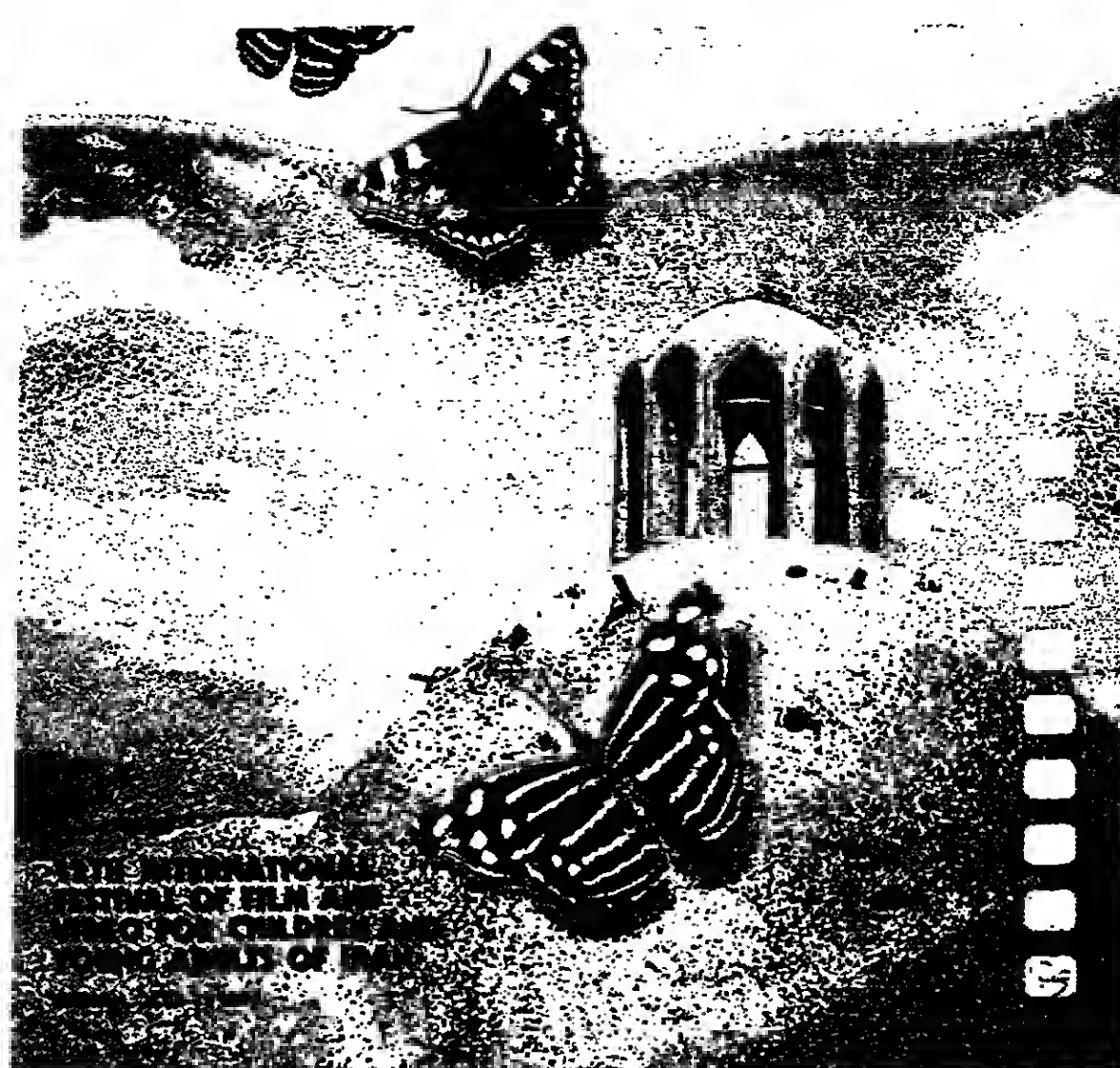
Panorama of the Czech Cinema for Children At the 12th International Festival of Film and Video in Kerman



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A part from the domestic and international competitions of film and video, the Kerman Festival of Film and Video (October 5-11) will be presenting a number of interesting sideshows. The Panorama of Czech Cinema for Children, which reviews a brilliant period in the history of filmmaking in the Czech Republic, is an interesting sideshow of the Kerman Festival of Film and Video.

The program includes short and feature films in both live-action and animation categories. The feature films included in the program are: Journey to the Primeval Times 1955, live-action and animation) directed by Karel Zeman. Do you Keep a Lion at Home? (1963, live-action) by Pavel Hubl. Gentleman Boys (1975, live-action) by Vera Plivova-Simkova. Grandfather, Kilian and I (1966, live-action) by Jiri Hanibal. Foxes, Mice and the Gallow Hill (1966, live-action) by Vera Plivova-Simkova. Dear Squirrel, Don't Snivel (1988, live-action) by Vera Plivova-Simkova. In Search of the Source (1990, live-action) by Jiri Hanibal. Invention for Destruction (1958, live-action) by Karel Zeman. Witches of the Suburbia (1990, live-action) Drabuse Kralova.



The short films included in the program of the Czech cinema for children include: Pied Piper (1985, puppet animation) directed by Jiri Barta. Goldilocks (1956, puppet animation) by Jan Dudesek. Hermína Týrlova. The Kittens (1976, puppet animation) by Lubomir Benes. The Dolls' Soldier (1947, puppet animation) by Hermína Týrlova, Frantisek

Sadek. The Hand (1965, live-action, puppet animation) Jiri Trnka. A wet Tale (1976, animation) by Bozena Mizosova. The Silk-Worm (1967, animation) by Zdenek Miler. Rebellion of the Dolls (1946, animation) Jiri Trnka. Lullaby (1979, puppet animation) by Hermína Týrlova. The Medicine (puppet animation) by Bozena Mizosova. The Mole and

the Egg (1985, puppet animation) by Zdenek Miler. Don't Move! (1969, animation) by Bozena Mizosova. The Lion and the Song (1958, puppet animation) by Bratislav Pojar. Cybernetic Grandmother (1952, puppet animation) by Jiri Trnka. Pardon Me (puppet animation) by Lubomir Benes. Monkey's Love (1958, puppet animation) by Hermína Týrlova.

Iris Murdoch's First Case of Writer's Block

LONDON (AP) - At 77, after 26 novels, Dame Iris Murdoch has her first case of writer's block.

"I'm in a very, very bad, quiet place," she said in an interview published Saturday in the Guardian. "I feel as though maybe the whole thing has packed up."

Doctors have been unable to find a medical reason for the block, Dame Iris said.

Murdoch began her string of novels in 1954 with "Under the Net," and published "Jackson's Dilemma" last year. "The Sea, the Sea," published in 1978, won Britain's prestigious Booker Prize.

"The books I've written in the past I've done quite quickly, and known what to do and been geared up by them," she said. "But I'm afraid at the moment that I'm just falling, falling."

New Munich Art Museum

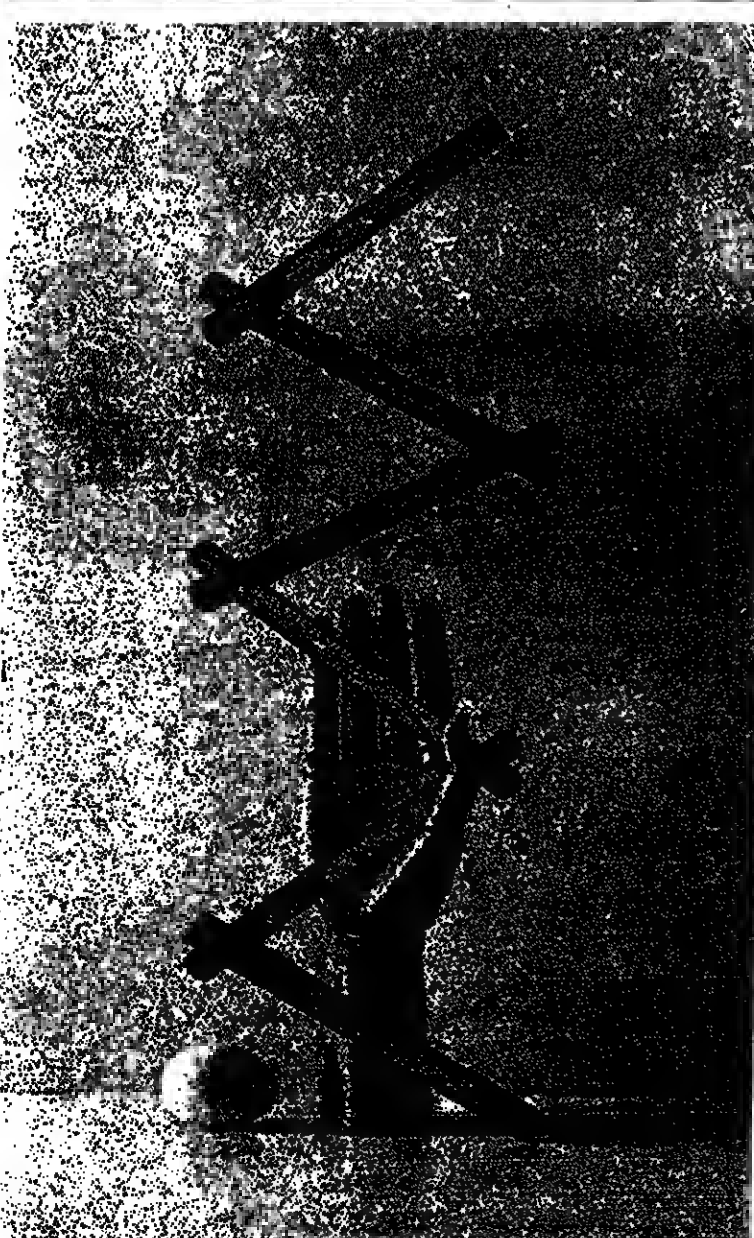
MUNICH, GERMANY (AFP) - Work officially began Monday (September 9) on Munich's new modern art Pinakothek, the biggest art museum to be built this century in Germany's southern state of Bavaria.

The 200-million-mark (133-million-dollar) institution will represent "a unique museum comparable to Berlin's Museum Island," which houses the German capital's top museums, said Edmund Stoiber, head of Bavaria's regional government, at a ground-breaking ceremony.

The museum will be built between two existing museums, the old and the new Pinakothek, not far from the House of Arts and the State Gallery.

It is due to open at the end of the century.

Contemporary World Art



"The Gift" by Scott Fraser, exhibited at Susan Duval Gallery, Aspen, Colorado.

Dorothy Lamour, Sultry Girl of 'Road' Movies, Dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Dorothy Lamour, the sultry, sarong-wearing sidekick of Bob Hope and Bing Crosby when they went on the "road," died Sunday. She was 81.

Miss Lamour's cause of death was not immediately determined, said longtime friend and former publicist Frank Liberman. He said she had been ill, and died at her North Hollywood home.

"She was a very popular, sweet lady," he said.

A New Orleans native, she often got typecast as a sort of female Tarzan in a string of island-theme movies in the late 1930s and early '40s.

She first donned the wrap-around garment that made her famous in her very first film, the 1936 movie "Jungle Princess." She went on to play similar parts in the 1937 John Ford spectacular "The Hurricane," "Typhoon" and "Beyond the Blue Horizon."

She also wore her sarong in the first of the Hope-Crosby "road" pictures, "The Road to Singapore," in 1940. It was the start of a fertile comic relationship.

The trio went on "The Road to Zanzibar," 1941; "The Road to Morocco," 1942; "The Road to Utopia," 1945; "The Road to Rio," 1948; "The Road to Bali," 1953; and "The Road to Hong Kong," 1962. The films combined adventure, slapstick, zany ad libs and inside-show-biz satire. Lamour played the exotic brunette who fell in league with the playboy with the ski-jump nose and his

smooth-voiced pal who vied for her attentions.

"It's a picnic working with Bob - and Bing, too," she said in a 1942 Associated Press interview. "I never know what's going to happen next. They'd rather tease me than eat, and anything goes."

"Once I decided to top one of their gags. It was kind of dirty, but I let fly. You should have seen them. They nearly sank through the floor. They've been pretty good ever since then."

"I was the happiest and highest paid straight woman in the business," she recalled years later.

She saw herself as more than a sarong-wearer, though.

"I made 60 motion pictures and only wore the sarong in about six pictures, but it did become a kind of trademark," she said. "And it did hinder me. They expect you to always be the young girl leaning against the palm tree. Why should you want to act?"

Among her more serious films were the 1940 crime melodrama "Johnny Apollo" and the 1945 film "A Medal for Benny."

More recently, in the 1987 film "Creepsbow 2," she played a sloppily dressed housewife who gets murdered. "Well, at my age you can't lean against a palm tree and sing 'Moon of Monakoora,'" she said. "People would look at that and say, 'What is she trying to do?'"

Describing a similarly downbeat guest part in a television series, she commented, "I've

always wanted a part like this. Either they didn't come up with one or people thought I couldn't handle it."

While "Creepsbow 2" was her only film role in two decades, she was frequently seen on U.S. television, doing guest shots such shows as "The Love Boat," "Murder, She Wrote" and, naturally, a few Bob Hope specials.

She also toured in stage shows

Russian Wins Leeds Piano Competition

LEEDS, ENGLAND (AP) - Ilya Itin, a 29-year-old Russian, won the prestigious 1996 Leeds Piano Competition on Saturday.

Itin, one of 86 pianists from 27 countries who began the competition two weeks ago, played Sergei Rachmaninov's rhapsody on a theme of Paganini in the final round against five other finalists.

The finalists performed Friday and Saturday nights with the city of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Simon Rattle and broadcast on BBC television and radio. Itin also won the special contemporary music prize after an earlier round.

Roberto Cominati, a 26-year-old Italian, won the second prize in the competition, playing Rachmaninov's piano concerto No. 2 in Saturday's final round.

Aleksander Madzar, 28, from former Yugoslavia, took third prize, performing Sergei Prok-

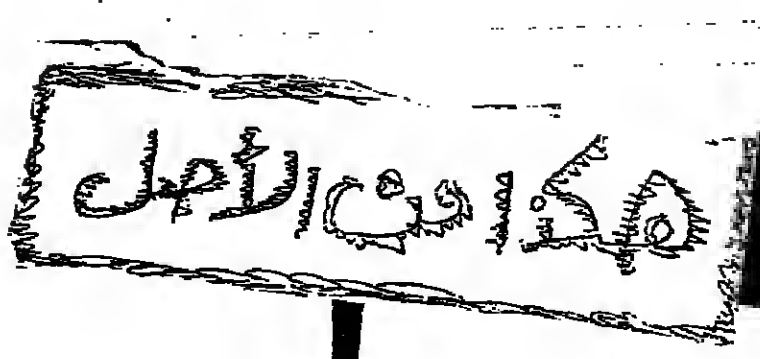
ofiev's piano concerto No. 3 in the final round. Madzar now lives in Brussels.

The youngest finalist, 17-year-old Sa Chen of China, won fourth prize, also playing Rachmaninov's rhapsody on a theme of Paganini as her last performance in Friday night's first half of the final round.

Fifth prize went to Armen Bahakhanian, 28, of Armenia who also played the rhapsody on a theme of Paganini in Friday night's concert.

The sixth-prize winner, 20-year-old Russian-born Ekaterina Apekisheva of Israel also played Rachmaninov - his piano concerto No. 2 - Friday night.

The competition, begun in 1963, is held every three years in the northern England city of Leeds and is regarded as one of the world's leading piano competitions.



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POLITICAL NEWS

German Mark Slides as Confidence in EMU Grows

LONDON (AFP) - The German mark continued to lose ground against other European currencies early Monday on European markets, amid growing certainty about the progress towards a single currency, dealers said.

By mid-morning, the mark had slipped to 3.3872 French francs on the London foreign exchange market from 3.3892 late Friday while the U.S. dollar was mixed ahead of Tuesday's Federal Reserve policy meeting.

It was worth 1.5164 marks from 1.5146 late Friday and 109.81 yen against 109.82.

"The mark is likely to continue weakening, as the progress made last weekend in Dublin (at the informal meeting of European Union finance ministers) on the stability pact has eased concerns about the future of the single currency," said Kit Jukes, analyst with British Investment Bank Natwest Markets.

"This meeting showed that progress towards the realization of European Monetary Union is continuing even if there were no big surprises," he said.

EU finance ministers agreed on a framework for a new European

exchange rate mechanism, which would link the ERM with external currencies.

The 15 ministers also agreed in principle to set up a stability pact to enforce budgetary discipline among countries that adopt the single currency.

But key details on the flexibility of the stability pact remain unresolved, such as the size of fines against countries that allow their budget deficits to rise above the limit of three percent of gross domestic product and the definition of circumstances which will allow countries to escape sanctions.

Jukes said the Italian and Spanish bond markets welcomed the progress in Dublin, and this has supported the lira and the peseta.

The French franc, meanwhile, has continued to gain ground against the mark.

On the dollar, traders are anxiously awaiting Tuesday's meeting of the U.S. Federal Reserve's monetary committee. Opinion is divided over whether the Fed will tighten interest rates or leave monetary policy unchanged.

Jukes predicted a quarter-point rise in U.S. lending rates.

The pound sterling fell back

against most other currencies. Chancellor of the exchequer Kenneth Clarke and Bank of England governor Eddie George were due to hold their regular monthly meeting on monetary policy in the afternoon.

No change in British interest rates is expected, Jukes said.

By mid-morning, the dollar was worth 1.5164 marks from 1.5146, 109.81 yen from 109.82, 1.2390 Swiss francs from 1.2391 and 5.1365 French francs from 5.1317.

The mark was at 3.3872 French francs from 3.3892, 1,005 lire against 1,006, 84.06 pesetas from 84.11, 0.8172 Swiss francs against 0.8181, and 72.43 yen from 72.50.

Sterling was at \$1.5533 from 1.5557, 2.3551 marks against 2.3562, 170.58 yen from 170.74, 1.9239 Swiss francs against 1.9277, and 7.9760 French francs from 7.9834.

The price of gold fell to \$381.25 an ounce from \$381.95.

The three-month Eurodollar remained at 5.625 percent while the three-month British interbank rate went to 5.718 percent from 5.875 percent.



ATHENS, GREECE (HELLS): Outgoing Greek Prime Minister and President of the ruling Panhellenic Socialist Party (PA. SO.K) Costas Simitis gestures with a beaming face following a press conference at Zappion hall where he announced the victory of his PA. SO. K party during the general elections Sept. 22.

(AFP Photo)

Socialist Election Victory Seen as Triumph for New-Look Pasok

ATHENS (AFP) - The long-ruling socialists proved they can still win elections without their late longtime leader Andreas Papandreu as they swept to victory with a new-look party to steer Greece into the next century.

With most votes counted, the Interior Ministry on Monday said Pasok, the Panhellenic Socialist Party led by incumbent Prime Minister Costas Simitis, took an absolute majority of 162 seats in the 300-member parliament against 108 seats for its right-wing rival New Democracy.

Though Pasok's representation was down from its current 170 seats, three smaller leftist parties all won seats, making for a net strengthening of the left wing in parliament at the Conservatives' expense.

In a victory speech late Sunday, Simitis, 60, the champion of Greece's active participation in the European Union, said the halcyon showed "Greeks want to take a new direction."

"It's a victory for all those who believe in social justice, for those who dream of a better future, for those who believe in solid society, for those who believe in the competitiveness of the Greek economy," he said.

His words were echoed by a jubilant pro-socialist press Monday, which said the ballot, only three months after Papandreu's death, had set Greece on a "new path" by strengthening the center-left pole under Simitis, whose insistence on economic austerity broke sharply with Papandreu's expansionist policies.

Simitis met early Monday with Head of State Costis Stephanopoulos, who charged him with forming

ing a new government.

His immediate task will be choosing his Cabinet before he gets down to drawing up his foreign and domestic program, which must be presented to the new Parliament within two weeks of its first session.

A close aide to Simitis said "The choice of ministers will depend in part on how they score in the legislative ballot and the number of votes they won in their districts."

The three smaller leftist winners on Sunday were: the Communist KKE Party, which won 11 seats, the Synaspismos Coalition, unrepresented in the outgoing parliament which took 10 seats in the new body, and the Populist Democratic Renewal Movement (DIKKI) which stood for the first time and won nine seats.

While the New Democracy's 108-seat take was down two from the current parliament, the political spring nationalists, who had 11 outgoing seats, failed to win any in the new body.

In percentage terms, Pasok took 41.51 percent of the vote, which is a drop of 5.37 percent over its score in the last election in October 1993 under Papandreu's leadership, while New Democracy dropped only one percentage point over three years ago to 38.14 percent.

The right-wing press blamed New Democracy's loss on its "internal divisions" and forecast a tense succession battle after its Leader Miltiades Evert conceded defeat. He announced Sunday night he would resign, after this latest humiliation for the right, which has failed to dent the socialists' domination of the Greek political scene since 1981, except for a brief period in power from 1990 to 1993.

Simitis has also pledged to modernize Greece, continuing Pasok's line of tackling social problems within the framework of an austerity budget.

Most key members in the current Cabinet headed the socialist lists in their districts. These included Foreign Minister Theodore Pangalos, Education Minister George Papandreu, who is the son of the legendary Pasok leader, and Development Minister Vasso Papandreu, all three running in Athens.

Informed sources Monday said Pangalos could be chosen to head the sensitive Defense Ministry in a new Cabinet, now held by Gerassimos Arsenis who, according to the sources, is likely to be given an economic post or the Education Ministry.

Farm Ministers Fury at British U-Turn on Mad Cow Slaughter

KILLARNEY, IRELAND (AFP) - European agriculture ministers on Monday attacked Britain's decision to shelve a slaughter of up to 150,000 cattle at risk of "mad cow" disease and ruled out any early moves to lift the worldwide export ban unless the cull goes ahead.

The stand-off has raised fears that the union is on track for a fresh political crisis over beef at a summit of EU leaders in Dublin next week. "That is now a real risk," a senior EU official acknowledged.

As they began two days of informal talks overshadowed by the row, the farm ministers made it clear they would be demanding explanations for Britain's decision to renege on a commitment given by Prime Minister John Major to other EU leaders at their Florence summit in June.

Britain has justified its decision by citing a study which suggests that Bseine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), or mad cow disease, will die out naturally by the year 2001.

Portuguese Agriculture Minister Fernando Gomes da Silva expressed widespread irritation by accusing Britain of acting "wholly without consulting the others."

"It would have been better to discuss a little with the community before taking the decision," he said.

"Britain has put itself in isolation once more," French Minister Philippe Vasseur said, reiterating his government's view that any moves to relax the seven-month beef ban, even for BSE-free herds, were linked to full implementation of the cull.

"It has always been said that the lifting of the ban would be progressive and linked to Britain's slaughter program," Vasseur said.

With criticism pouring down on him almost as hard as the rain on Ireland's beautiful southwestern tip, British Minister Douglas

Hogg put a brave face on the 14-1 line-up.

"I look forward to working cooperatively ... to see if there are steps we can all agree on, for example certified herds, that will allow us to move forward," Hogg said.

Dutch Minister Jozies Van Aartsen said Britain had been "unwise to do what they did," but offered some encouragement by saying he would seek further discussions with Hogg on plans to create a register of grass-fed herds that have never had any cases of BSE.

"This is an approach the Dutch government has always advocated."

The European Commission has also indicated that it will look sympathetically at the case for lifting the ban for specialist herds which have not been exposed to the contaminated feed that caused the spread of BSE. Any progress on the issue will however have to wait until the row over the selective cull is resolved, commission officials warned.

The British government is under intense pressure to seek exemptions from the ban for Northern Ireland and Scotland, where most of the country's premium beef production is concentrated and where the impact of the export ban has been felt most acutely.

London is however insisting that any exemption should be ap-

plied to certified herds across the U.K., rather than on a regional basis, for fear of further alienating English farmers.

Over dinner on Monday, the ministers were due to discuss their controversial demand to use a billion euros (\$1.3 billion) surplus in the 1996 farm budget to aid beef farmers, reeling from sharp drops in consumption and prices.

The money would normally be returned to national coffers after the close of the financial year on October 15 and is likely to prove controversial with finance ministries in countries which are seeking to rein in spending in preparation for Monetary Union in 1999.

The farm ministers have turned to the surplus funds after failing to agree on a proposed cut in aid to cereal farmers to pay for taking thousands of tons of unwanted beef off the market. The cost of intervention is expected to exceed \$2 billion by the end of the year. By next spring the EU will be sitting on a million ton beef mountain.

Ambitious proposals from the European Commission for a compulsory E.U.-wide registration scheme requiring all bovine animals to wear an identification ear-tag and member states to establish computer data bases in which the movements, births or deaths of animals would have to be registered within three days.

Left and Right Combine to Defeat Rightist Extremists

PARIS, FRANCE (AFP) - An alliance of the French left and right has defeated candidates of the extreme right National Front in two local by-elections although rightists put up a good showing in one of the polls.

A surge by Anti-Immigrant National Front candidates in the first round of the polls a week ago

amid a country-wide row over remarks by Front Leader Jean-Marie Le Pen over "inequality of the races" convinced right and left to gang up against Front candidates.

In the second round of voting in the cantonal by-elections on Sunday, Philippe Vitel, of the neo-Gaullist Rally for the Repub-

lic (RPR), came top with 54.16 percent of the ballots compared with 45.84 percent for the Front's Gerard Bauer in a constituency in the Mediterranean naval base city of Toulon.

Vitel had won only 22.08 percent of the vote in the first round, trailing 12 points behind Bauer,

but received support from Communists, socialists and ecologists in the second, to come top. Le Pen called the vote "a great victory."

Toulon was one of three major southern cities to fall to the National Front in municipal elections in June 1995 after three-sided contests.

WOMEN in society



South Korea Holds Regional Women's Issues Conference



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TEHRAN - The regional conference on improving the condition of women was held in Seoul, South Korea, recently.

The meeting, held from Sept. 16 through Sept. 19, was coordinated by the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, ESCAP, the Korean Foreign Ministry and the Women's Advancement Institute. It was attended by officials from 21 countries.

An Iranian delegation participated in the meeting, a representative saying after the opening ceremony that "One year after the 4th Women's Conference in Beijing, we have gathered here to assess our achievements and exchange views on formerly made decisions and assure ourselves that our movements are based on moral values and humanity."

The representative, Mrs. Masoumeh Ebtekar, added that Asian women, with their untiring disposition, work for their countries' development and success, and maintaining the moral dimension of development in all areas.

She said Iranian women, learning from the holy Islam life pat-

terns, have balanced their family responsibilities and their social activities, and had consequently met their social and political needs.

Iranian women are ready to transfer their experience on significant regional issues, Ebtekar said. She also stated that "strengthening the family foundations" index should be included to development assessment indexes by U.N. organizations.

"At the threshold of the 21st century, we are confident that Asian men and women, with their unity and cooperation, will maintain the humanitarian values for the next generation," the Iranian representative concluded.

At the opening ceremony, Executive Manager of ESCAP said that due to the lack of facilities for improving women's conditions, "we must precisely implement the pledges of the Beijing Conference."

Many Asian countries have been able to make a practical national plan and additionally prepare facilities for the execution of the plan, he said.

"There are two major goals for holding this conference: The first is to exchange views on different ways of access a practical plan for the advancement of women's conditions. The second is identifying the solutions to allow countries to implement the Jakarta plan of action and Beijing document," he stated.

The Korean Minister of Women's Political Affairs welcomed the participants and said that this session was a good opportunity for women to contribute in political, economic, social and cultural areas and exchange views on these issues.



MONROVIA, LIBERIA: Liberia's first woman Head of State, Ruth Perry raises her arm as she enters the Centennial Pavilion recently to be installed as chairwoman of the ruling Council of State. Perry immediately called for national reconciliation in the war-torn West African country. (AFP Photo)



BORDEAUX, FRANCE: Dalila Méziane, Algerian lawyer, 37, displays the Ludovic Trarieux medal she was awarded by the Human Rights Institute of Lawyers of Bordeaux together with Tunisian lawyer Najib Hosni, late Sept. 10 in this southwestern French city. Dalila Méziane, lawyer in Lyon, fled her country after several aggressions. Najib Hosni could not come to get his prize as he is serving a 8-year jail term in Tunisia. AFP

Majlis Amends Marriage Portion

IRAN NEWS WOMEN'S DESK

TEHRAN - The Women's Affairs Office of the President recently expressed gratitude to deputies of the Iranian Parliament for reviewing a bill aimed at adjusting "payment of women's marriage portion at current rates".

A letter addressed by the office in this regard stated that undoubtedly, the insubstantial amount of money a divorcee woman can receive on the basis of the amount initially agreed upon at the marriage time fails to protect her rights under the Islamic canon.

At a time when Islam is moving towards vindicating women's rights, the bill is surely a positive and vital step for materialization

of such a goal, the office remarked.

Although payment of marriage portion is deemed necessary by Islamic tenet, at the same time it disapproves any unreasonable and greedy demand that may damage the sacred matrimonial bond between husband and wife, the letter noted.

It expressed hope that submission of the bill would serve as a prelude to some other measures in the future for further protection of our women's rights.

A marriage portion is a lump sum, either in cash or kind, that a husband undertakes at the time of marriage to pay the wife on demand.

Last All-Male Public University Opens Doors to Women

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The last all-male, public university in the United States, Virginia Military Institute (VMI), is about to open its doors to women.

The military-style school in Lexington, Virginia, will welcome qualified women in the fall of 1997, VMI President William Berry said in a statement on Saturday.

Berry spoke after the institute's governing board's voted 9-8 in favor of admitting women.

Founded 157 years ago, the tradition-steeped college said it will make no changes except for minor adjustments in physical training and accommodations to protect the privacy of the cadets.

Female cadets "will be treated precisely as we treat male cadets," said General Josiah Bunting, the school's superintendent.

All cadets will undergo "men-

tal stress, physical rigor, minute regulation of behavior, pressures (and) hazards" that characterize VMI's confrontational approach to education, Bunting said.

On June 26, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the school's policy of barring women, saying that neither VMI's goal of producing citizen-soldiers nor its teaching methods were incompatible with admitting women.

The court also criticized the state's decision to blunt criticism by opening a separate military-style facility for women, calling it a pale imitation of what VMI offered men.

If the school had continued to bar women, it would have had to declare itself private and forfeit some 10 million dollars in public funds.

The U.S. Justice Department on Saturday hailed the school's decision.

Health & Science

WHO Warns Women Over Pill Stroke Risk

GENEVA (AFP) - The World Health Organization (WHO) has warned women not to take oral contraceptives if they have high blood pressure because of evidence indicating that the pill increases their risk of having a stroke.

WHO said its conclusions were based on a ten-year study begun in 1986 and involving almost 8,300 women in 17 countries.

"The study has confirmed that women with a history of hypertension who use the pill are at a substantially higher risk of stroke. Therefore, high blood pressure should be regarded as an important contra-indication to pill use," said Dr. Neil Poulter, of the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health of University College London.

The findings, cited by WHO in a statement from its headquarters in

Geneva, are published in the August 24 issue of the British medical journal the Lancet.

WHO said the risk of cerebral hemorrhage increased slightly in women over 35 who were on the pill. However the risk did not increase for women under 35.

The pill also appeared to slightly aggravate the risk of cerebral ischemia - a blocked blood-vessel on the brain - but the risk was lower in women under 35 and for those who did not smoke or whose blood pressure was normal, WHO said.

Among Europeans taking the low-dose mini-pill in use since the 1970s, the added risk of suffering one or other form of stroke was put at two in 100,000 users a year.

The risks were similar in developed and developing countries, WHO said.

Tips to Clip:

Mexican Pirashki-e-Gusht

Required Items:

- 4 cups of flour
- 2 tea spoons of baking powder
- 6 table spoons of butter
- 2 eggs
- o little cold water

Method:

DOUGH:

Sieve flour and baking powder, add butter, quickly mix together with your fingers until mixture is soft. Add eggs, add cold water, stir to loose dough. Leave the dough for half an hour. Sprinkle a little flour on a kitchen board, place the dough on it, use roller to flatten. Cut the dough in circle shapes of 15 cm diameter. Pour a little of the prepared sauce on each circle. Fold each of the circles, use a little egg white and water to paste the circle's edges together.

Press with your fingers to make sure the edges are pasted together well. Rub oil on them, place in a preheated 200°C oven. Bake for 25 minutes until golden.

SAUCE:

- 2 table corn oil
- 1 minced small onion
- 2 minced peppers
- 200 gr cooked ground beef
- 2 minced medium size tomatoes (without seeds)
- 1 table spoon minced parsley

Method:

Place chopped onion and pepper in frying pan until golden. Add beef. Cook for one minute.

Add salt, tomato and parsley. Cook well until sauce becomes thick.

